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County Situation

Charlotte County is 496 square miles, total Negro families 1,235 - 622 farm families and 613 non farm families. General farming is carried on with tobacco the chief crop. There is a Lumber Company, Virginia Crafts and Pacific Mills. These industries contribute very little to the economic status in the county since only a few men work whose jobs are either maintenance or Janitors.

There is one and sometimes two churches in a community and a health department in the county. There is one consolidated school which includes six communities, six county schools, a high school and elementary school at Charlotte C.H. Children are transported in buses great distances from home causing many to leave home in the morning and returning late in the afternoon. Due to this problem it is almost impossible to conduct 4-H Clubs outside the schools.

Getting to and from meetings or either Extension Activities is a problem. A very few of the women drive an automobile and are handicapped because they have no means to attend Club meetings or other activities carried on in the county.

There are fourteen farm families with telephones and very few take the weekly county newspaper. Therefore the only means of contacting club members, leaders and other individuals is through letters or home visits.

The immediate goals as expressed by the people are to increase membership, reach more people, improve home management, and furnishings and clothing construction. The long time goal is to improve the housing situation.

Adult Project Work

Feeds

Objectives:

1. To assist homemakers with accepted customs and the best practices of table setting, service etiquette and flower arrangement for the table.
2. To teach value and procedures of planning and serving a meal.

During the month of January Home Demonstration Clubs worked on table setting and service. Demonstrations and written materials were given on correct table setting, different types of service and table manners. The Sears Roebuck exhibit on table setting was borrowed and used to supplement other materials and instructions. Then each group planned a meal. To further emphasize the topic each group prepared and served a meal at the February meeting. At this time they were able to put into practice the correct methods taught in January. After each meal time was allowed to discuss mistakes made. Members were surprised to discover how very little extra time and effort it takes to

brighten up the appearance of the table and gives life to serving of a meal.

As a result of these topics homemakers are planning and serving better meals and are putting into practice correct methods even when serving club refreshments. Two hundred fifty six families were assisted with this topic.

Food Preservation

Since preserved fruits provide a way of adding to the family's food supply, and variety as well as energy to a meal, club members felt they would like to increase their knowledge on how to make good jams and jellies. During the month of June a meeting was held to assist leaders and other interested persons with their problems. Points discussed were (1.) The selection of fruits for jams and jellies (2.) Preparation of fruits (3.) Equipment and containers (4.) Sealing and storing (5.) Jelly failure and spoilage. Leaders reported as having assisted 106 families and 978 pts. of jam and jelly made.

Clothing

Objectives;

1. To teach techniques and develop skills to make a "Better Dress" with the professional look.
2. To teach the value of making clothing as a means of meeting the family clothing need.

With clothing being a major item of expense, the need for clothing construction was realized by homemakers and selected to cover a period of three months. (March-May).

In order to assist homemakers with getting their machings in shape for the clothing project a sewing machine clinic was held in March. Eighteen leaders and two non-club members were present. They were taught how to clean their machines. A representative from a sewing machine company assisted with the oiling and adjusting. In many cases new parts were needed and they were informed as to where these parts could be purchased.

With the assistance of the 20 leaders, homemakers were assisted with the selection of patterns and materials for different figure types, placing and adjusting patterns and finishes. As a result 197 dresses were made and seven sewing machines purchased. Fifty seven ladies participated in a Dress Revue featuring the "Better Dress" at the National Home Demonstration Week Celebration.

Restyling of Hats

Twenty two leaders representing all H.D. Clubs and two non-club members received training from Miss I.B. Johnsen, Extension Clothing Specialist, in restyling of hats in Jan. Four points in the demonstration were emphasized, (1) Preparing the hat for cleaning, (2) The cleaning process, (3) Making a hot block, (4) and restyling. Each leader present brought a hat and was able to see their hat transformed into an attractive creation.

Leaders present assisted members in their groups as well as others in their communities and reported that 76 women were assisted with cleaning and restyling hats. This information was enthusiastically received and filled a real need in the clothing activities with the eleven groups.

Home Improvement (Storage)

Objectives;

1. To teach the purpose and value of adequate and well equipped storage for food and cloths.
2. To stimulate an interest for sufficient storage.

During the months of June and July, ten H.D. Clubs worked on Improving Storage Spaces in The Home. As a result of training meetings held by Miss Mary E. Settle in May, leaders and the agent assisted homemakers through discussions, Pictures and demonstration on Planning and Improving Storage Spaces in the home. Points brought out were (1) How good storage simplify daily life. (2) How shelves may be adjusted to store dishes orderly. (3) Shelf storage for canned foods. (4) Designs for closets. Members were encouraged to make the necessary improvements and report on progress made. As a result the following improvements were reported:

- 6 families built closets for bedroom.
- 52 women sectioned dresserdrawers.
- 49 women made provisions for cleaning equipment.
- 43 women made improvements in dish storage.

13 women made shelf storage for canned food.

27 women added shelves in closets.

7 storage cabinets for kitchen purchased.

3 wardrobes were purchased.

4 chest of drawers purchased.

Two hundred sixteen families were assisted.

Eleven women served as result demonstrators in storage.

Home visits were made to assist the families. After desired improvements had been made Club members toured the homes to note progress made.

Kitchen Improvement

Four result demonstrations were conducted in Kitchen Improvement. Individual assistance and written materials were given families to assist them with their plans. Emphasis was placed on rearranging kitchen furniture to save steps.

Two of the demonstrators are located in the Rough Creek Community and during the month of July when the farm and home tour was conducted in that community 50 persons were able to observe improvements at the homes of Mrs. Frances Randolph and Mrs. Bessie Robinson. Both families had installed water in their kitchen and rearranged furniture. Other improvements included painting, new curtains, rugs and storage.

Mrs. Ida Mesley of the Galilee community remodeled her kitchen for more light and space. The kitchen has been rearranged and painted, floor coverings, curtains and wall cabinets purchased.

Mrs. Nannie Dunn of Dupree Community purchased a rug, dinette set, curtains, improved dish storage and rearranged furniture.

House Furnishings - Tufting Bedspreads, Framing pictures.

In order to assist families with meeting the house furnishings needs at a minimum cost by developing skills in making bedspreads and framing pictures, these topics were carried during the months of September and October. During the month of September members were assisted with suitable designs for their bedspreads and how to transfer the designs. Most of the members copied their designs from a spread they had. The spreads have not been completed due to not being able to get supplies from the company who has been supplying materials going out of business. However, some supplies have been obtained and 18 spreads have been started.

Other Activities

National Home Demonstration Week-

Objectives;

- ① 1. To create an interest in the Home Demonstration program.
- ② 2. To bring before the public work done during the year.
- ③ 3. To promote recreation for those attending.

The H. D. Committee sponsored their third banquet in observance of National Home Demonstration Week in April. One hundred eighty five persons were in attendance. A dress revue featuring 57 dresses, which had been made in the clubs.

The main address was given by Mr. H.L. Russell, Vocational Agriculture Instructor on The Road To Better Family Living. Members set up a display of hats..Eighteen hats were on display.

The H.D. Committee did a very good job in planning the activity and members cooperated beautifully in serving on committees and assisting in other ways to make the activity a success.

District H.D. Committee Meeting

Fifteen leaders representing all H.D. Clubs attended the District H.D. Committee Meeting in Nettaway in May. An exhibit was set up to show some of the work carried on "Better Housing" which is the County goal. Mrs. Delye Philips discussed ,with the use of a chart, The Family Income of members on the panel and Virginia H.D. Members Look At Themselves.

Community Improvement Work

The H.D. Club Members of Salem Community contributed a great deal to the community improvement work carried on in their community. Members served as leaders and inspired other families to make improvements, All members have been working to improve their homes and home made grounds and made some type of improvement in their homes. All members grew a vegetable garden and canned 6549 quarts of fruits and vegetables and froze 910 lbs. 16 rooms were painted, 2 homes painted outside, 1 home remodeled, 6 closets improved, 4kitchens improved, 1 installed running water , 10 yards improved,

and one home freezer purchased.

Mrs. Annie Davis and Mrs. Bell Hams served as very effective result demonstrators in home improvement toward motivating others. They were the first to install a complete water system and since then four others have installed water. Other improvements include home freezers, yard improvements, painting, storage and kitchen improvement.

Project- Health

All H.D. Clubs cooperated with the County Health Department in the Tuberculosis Drive to assist in getting people to take chest X-Rays. One leader from each club was given literature to distribute on Facts About Tuberculosis in the County which included the number of cases and where they were found. They discussed these in their clubs, churches and other public gatherings. Leaders were responsible for 346 persons getting X-Rays of which one-half got it the first time.

Farm And Home Development Work

The agricultural Committees of Charlotte County selected the area to began the Farm and Home Development Work. The Red Community and Madisenville were selected . Charlotte is a Pilot County.

Two families in the Red Oak Community are being assisted through the farm and home development approach. These are the Clem Nelson and Al Thomas families.

In order to acquaint local leaders with the program, it was discussed at the County Advisory Board Meetings and H.D. Committees.

There are two members of the Clem Nelson family. They own a farm consisting of 39 acres with 19 acres of open land and 20 in woods. The dwelling house consist of six rooms. The ^{accomplishments} ^{of Mrs. Nelson} listed by the family for the next few years are; building a flue to provide more heat, adding more windows for better light and ventilation, making improvements in several rooms by adding sheetrock and painting, purchasing additional furniture for the living room and installing running water.

After analyzing their situation the first step taken was the building of a flue. This was completed and the second step was to improve walls by adding sheetrock and painting. Three rooms have been completed and furniture purchased for the living room.

Assistance was given on color schemes, the selection of furniture and floor coverings, clothing and food preservation. Mrs. Nelson joined the H.D. Club last fall and invited the group to see her improvements in September."

4-H Club Work

Clothing - Looking your Best

Objectives:

1. To develop self confidence.
2. To teach boys and girls to care for themselves and their cloths.

Two hundred twenty two members enrolled in Looking Your Best with 132 of these members completing. Demonstration, discussions and charts were used to assist members with care

of the body, posture, voice and care of clothing. Each were given a check sheet on "How Do You Rate", and scored themselves at the beginning of the project. Each group selected a committee to check everyday and reported at club meetings. This method was very effective because most members worked toward getting a perfect score each day. The boys in the group became interested in the project and rated higher than the girls in most cases.

Results show that 132 provided shoe shine kits, dry cleaned unwashables, made quick repairs, washed a total of 645 sweaters, pressed woollens and stored clothing.

So You Like Like To Sew

Objectives;

1. Teach techniques and develop skills in making simple activities.
2. To teach the value of proper equipment.
3. Prepare members for clothing construction.

One hundred fifty six members enrolled in So You'd Like To Sew, with 82 members completing. Demonstrations, discussions and written materials were given on making and equipping a sewing box, wrist pin cushions, needle cases, kitchen towels, laundry bags, aprons, simple blouses and gathered skirts.

Records show that 97 sewing boxes were made and equipped, 103 pin cushions, 114 needle cases, 97 kitchen towels, 63 laundry bags, 76 aprons, 41 blouses and 42 gathered skirts were made.

Leaders assisted a large portion of the girls with this pro-

ject and put the articles on display during 4-H Club week and at the fairs.

Eunice Arvin, junior leader of the Keyaville Club did an excellent job with helping club members with their project. She with the assistance of her mother helped members after school and during the summer months. She assisted 14 members with the project.

Food - Meal Planning - Bread

Objectives:

1. To create a desire to plan, prepare and serve meals.
2. To develop the habit of planning wellbalance meals.
3. To teach the value and purpose for measuring accurately.
4. To create a desire for making different breads.

One hundred thirty one members enrolled in meal preparation with 103 completing. Through written material, ~~charts~~ discussion and demonstration, members were assisted with table setting, dish washing, table manners, planning meals to include the Basic 7 Food Groups and the preparation of salads, vegetables, meats, desserts and simple refreshment. Each group served simple refreshments at a meeting and 42 girls gave a demonstration on one of the topics. As a result 942 meals were prepared and 672 meats, vegetables, dessert and salads prepared.

Sixty nine members have completed their bread project for this year. The main emphasis was placed on making the master mix because it has become so popular and can be used for biscuits, waffles, muffins, cookies and cakes. Members were also taught to make the roll mix. The girls were very enthusiastic when shown how to make rolls of different shapes, which included clover leaf, parker house, bow knots and pinwheels. Everyone had a chance to judge the bread after receiving points on how to judge bread. These members have given 53 method demonstration on the master mix and the products made from it.

Food Preservation

Objectives;

1. To help reduce the cost of the family budget by canning vegetables grown.
2. To teach value and purpose of proper equipment.
3. To teach how to select and prepare foods for canning and freezing.

The 74 members enrolled in food preservation were given individual and group assistance with canning and freezing. They were also taught how to judge canned products. Members canned 6,970 quarts and froze 142. Sixty two members completed the project.

Other Activities

National 4-H Week

During National 4-H week and throughout the month of March, an effort was made to acquaint more people with the 4-H Program through members, leaders, and the agent. Clubs held special program and parents were invited to attend club meetings throughout the month. Special emphasis was placed on each member learning the Pledge and Creed. Activities included demonstrations, skits, progress reports, exhibits, reports from delegates attending the Wild Life Conference and 4-H Short Course and the awarding of County medals and certificates.

Rural Life Sunday

All clubs observed Rural Life Sunday during the month of May at their regular church service. Members assisted in the choir, as ushers and with flowers and arrangements.

4-H Short Course

Six delegates attended the 4-H Short Course at Virginia State College June 18-22. Those attending were; Elaine Gregory, Virgie M. Edmonson, Eunice Arvin, Nell Mitter, Edwina Eubanks and Mabel Eubanks.

Edwina Eubanks was awarded a \$50.00 Bond for achievements in Home Improvement and Mable Eubanks a check for \$24.00 for Bread making.

Wild Life Conference

Four members attended the Wild Life Conference held at Virginia State College in August. Clubs represented were Organ Hill, Jr. and Sr. Clubs, Keysville and Rough Creek. Interesting reports were given by the delegates when they returned.

Achievement Day Exhibit

4-H Clubs participated in the school and agricultural achievement day at Charlotte. Displays consisted of Grooming, food preservation, flower arrangements, clothing and needle crafts.

Result Demonstration

Edwina Eubanks continued her project in home improvement this year. Last year she selected color, painted and rearranged furniture for bedroom, dining room, kitchen, living room and hall. This year improvements included floor coverings, furnishings, and the installation of a telephone in the home.

Scope Of Work

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1955
No. of W.D. Clubs	13	11	11	11	11
Membership	208	218	231	266	267
No. of 4-H Clubs	13	15	14	14	14
Membership	307	379	362	362	378
No. other families reached	340	212	218	306	410
No different families reached	314	229	301	483	480

In order to reach more people and to increase interest in the Extension Program, special activities were sponsored and the public was invited to attend. These activities included a Farm Tour during the month of July. The Fifty persons attend-

ing observed demonstrations in water systems, kitchen improvements, and color schemes. The annual banquet held during the National Home Demonstration Week is held to show progress through reports, exhibits and to inform those attending, through address, on some phase of the work. News articles are put in the local papers by the agent and club reporters. National 4-H Week, Rural achievement exhibits, and special interest meetings are also held.

Organizations

County Home Demonstration Club Committee

The president and organizational leader from each club form the Home Demonstration Committee which is composed of 22 members. The committee met four times this year for the purpose of planning programs and other activities for the year. They met to plan the program and select committees for National Home Demonstration Week, to select delegates and discuss ways of financing delegates who were to attend Fairs and Home Week held at Virginia State College in July and the District H.D. held in Nottoway in May. They also met to complete plans for the years activities, to check plans made earlier in the year, to get and give information. The last meeting was held to plan the program for 1957. Each club held pre-planning meetings and gave suggestions to development leaders. These reports from each club with those from other representatives gave facts and situations which aided in long-time and immediate goals.

County and Advisory Board

The County and Advisory Board is composed of 70 members. The

board met three times to review plans, to check objectives and goals and to further plans for the County-Wide Program to meet the needs of all people. Reports of programs were made to the Board from the County Home Demonstration Committee, the 4-H Council and the 4-H Project Planning Committee.

4-H Council

The 4-H Council is composed of all officers of the 4-H clubs. The main purpose for meeting was to train the officers after the club had been re-organized. They also selected the delegates to attend the 4-H and Wild Life Conference. The council held two meetings this year.

County 4-H Project Planning Committee

The Project Planning Committee is composed of 28 members and 25 adults members. The Committee met in June to plan the 4-H program. After a discussion on available projects, final decisions were made on projects suitable for the year. The committee also assisted the judging 4-H records.

Leadership

There are 83 different leaders engaged in forwarding the extension program. These leaders are trained for their jobs and responsibilities. After receiving training, they assist with planning and organization of the extension program and activities and the teaching of others.

Leaders participation Month proved to be very beneficial in strengthening the leadership program in the County. Prior to the Months (April and May) check sheets, and duties and re-

responsibilities of leaders were discussed. During the two months, leaders gave 43 Method Demonstrations. Organizational leaders attended meetings 100%. 22 members were recruited by leaders and 15 attended the District H.D. Committee Meeting.

Home Demonstration Club Project Leadership

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
No. Project leaders	22	30	45	48	51
No. Federation Program Chairmen	4	11	11	15	20
No. Program development leaders	10	11	11	15	20
No. result demonstrators	10	12	15	14	23
No. training meetings by specialist	1	1	1	0	2
by agent	2	1	4	4	3
Attendance at all training meetings	24	14	43	62	71
No. meetings without an agent	26	36	20	28	14
No. meetings leaders assisted	23	51	67	40	60
Demonstrations by leaders	26	36	25	28	47
Talks and discussions by leaders	14	28	37	65	56

4-H Project Leadership

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
No. Club Officers	70	75	70	70	70
No. Adult project leaders	24	22	22	25	25
No. Junior project leaders	5	5	8	12	12
No. Result demonstrators	0	0	0	1	1
② No. training meetings held by agent	1	3	3	1	1
Total attendance at leader training meetings	21	14	32	27	14
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	12	17	18	14	20
Club meetings leaders assisted	34	47	62	41	48
Meetings held by leaders without agent	29	38	23	26	27
Demonstrations by adult leaders	24	37	49	23	27
Junior leaders	9	42	40	32	23

Outstanding Leader

Mrs. Nannie Merton a member of the Harrisonburg Club and a former 4-H member has used her training and experiences to assist others in her Club and Community. She joined the 4-H Club in 1947 and in 1949 won a trip to Nashville, Tenn. to attend the Regional 4-H Camp for outstanding accomplishments in home improvement. She served as a delegate to the 4-H Short Course two years and as a Junior leader three years. Since then she has married

and was responsible for a home demonstration Club being organized in her Community. As a food and nutrition leader she assisted families with planning and preparing meals and food preservation and freezing. She did an outstanding job as chairman of the food committee for the annual banquet. She served as a delegate to the Farm and Home Week and gave a very interesting report to the committee when it met in Sept. She is still interested in 4-H work and assist when ever possible.

Outstanding Family

The Jack Haskin's family of the Madisonville Community has made real progress within the past three years. The family ran a small store for a number of years and their home was not large enough to accomodate the seven members of the family. At this time they lived in the Rough Creek Community which is 12 miles from Madisonville. They owned a farm in Madisonville and had a rough time trying to run the farm and the store. After the consolidation of schools in the County, the school near the farm was vacant. Mrs. Haskins finally persuaded him to sell the store and home and buy the school in order that they be near the farm. The out-dated school was renovated and made into an attractive eight room home. The cost of labor was cut by using all usable material in the school and Mr. Haskins knowledge on construction. The family did all painting.

Mrs. Haskins had joined the home demonstration club in that Community and readily accepted suggestion given by members, leaders and the agent to make her home attractive. She planned the color schemes and insisted that provisions be made for adequate storage.

The 4 children are members of the 4-H Club and have contributed a great deal to the family's accomplishments. The food preparation is lighter due to the 2 girls taking food preparation as a project.

Mrs. Haskins has taken advantage of the cannery in her community and has canned enough food to last the family for a year. They have a healthy flock of chickens, hogs, a cow and a good vegetable garden, which contributes to the nutrition program which is being followed.

This year the family added a porch and made improvements in the yard. The installation of running water will be the next step taken.

The family is active in church, educational and Civic affairs in their community and the County.

Extension has had a large share in guiding the program carried by the Haskins family as H.D. and 4-H club members.

⊙ Outstanding Club

The Harrisburg Club, though small with an enrollment of 16 members has done a tremendous job in carrying out

extension teachings during the 4 years of organization. Their cooperation in club attendance, leader training meetings and other program is outstanding. They share in transporting members to and from club meetings and other activities and can always be counted on 100% in project completions.

Each year since organization they have purchased a T.B. Bond and were responsible for 6 other clubs purchasing them last year. At Xmas members do not fail to remember the needy families in the community package of food and clothing are distributed to the families on Xmas Eve.

Achievement in Extension Works

One of the major problems in the 4-H program has been interesting older members to continue in 4-H Club work after finishing elementary school. All 4-H meetings are held in the school but due to a heavy schedule and lack of time it has been impossible to hold meetings in the high school. To get members to organized and meet after school was out of the question. A few continued with individual projects.

The State Awards Program has contributed more to stimulating interest than any other method used. This was due to one girl, Edwina Eubanks, who had continued in 4-H work after entering high school, being awarded a \$50.00 Bond for achievements in food preservation and attending

the Regional 4-H Camp in Jackson, Miss. in 1954. Publicity given in the local paper and reports at 4-H and H.D. activities created more interest and more request come from members to continue in the work but not in a community for group organization.

This year Edwina with the ass of her sister was responsible for organization of an older club in her community. They contacted 10 girls, some who had been members before entering high school and organized. They set up goals and selected projects. They meet once a month and have been very helpful in assisting with 4-H records

As a result of this group 2 communities have requested organization.

Professional Improvement

Professional Improvement have been made through agents training, workshops, inservice training and reading.

Appraisal of Years Work

The home improvement project, result demonstrations, special interest groups and farm and home development work have contributed toward raising the housing rate and stimulating more interest in making the home more liveable.

The food program has inspired both 4-H and adults to prepare, plan and serve better meals.

Through clothing construction families realized the need for making their garments, thus cutting down on the

clothing bill. 4-H members were inspired to care for themselves and their clothing enabling them to be neat at all times.

Special program and the county-wide picnic helped to improve recreation in the county.

The organization of an older 4-H group has inspired other communities to want to organize.

In light of the 1956 program there is still a need for more 4-H result demonstrations, planned recreation for youth and organization of older youth groups. Greater emphasis need to be placed on the installation of running water in the homes.

PLAN OF WORK

1956

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Juanita A. Peel
Home Demonstration Agent

Charlotte County
County

1. COUNTY SITUATION

Charlotte County is 196 square miles. The Negro population is 4,118. There are 622 farm families and 1,632 non-farm families in the county. General farming is carried on with tobacco the chief crop.

Recreation in any organization has gone without interest and scarcely anything has been done for the immediate future. There is one and sometimes two churches in a community, but offers very little aside from the spiritual side.

Consolidation of schools, lack of room and facilities have caused children to be transported in buses great distances from home, causing many to leave home at early hours in the mornings and returning late in the afternoon. Due to this problem it is almost impossible to conduct A-H clubs outside the schools.

Since there is no bus service in the county and many families do not own automobiles, traveling is a problem. Many families who are interested in the Extension Program are handicapped because they have no means to attend club meetings and other extension activities carried on in the county.

There are twelve farm families with telephones and a very few take the weekly county newspaper. Therefore, the only means of contacting club members, leaders, and other individuals is through letters or home visits.

11. The County Home Economics Program-Adult

A. County Home Economics Committees

Four Home Economics committees will be set up in the following subjects: Foods, Clothing, Home Improvement, and House Furnishings.

The committee will consist from 10-12 members who will:

1. Find out problems and needs of the people.
2. Set up objectives
3. Develop methods for carrying out objectives.
4. Evaluate the program.

Goals: To improve clothing, nutrition, housing in the county.

B. Home Demonstration Clubs

1. Home Improvement-Storage,- Food, Clothing

Objectives:

1. To teach the purpose and value of adequate and well equipped storage for foods and clothes.
2. To stimulate an interest on the part of homemakers for sufficient storage.

Procedures:

1. Leader training
2. Discussions and written materials
3. Result demonstrations
4. Home visits
5. Tours.

2. Home Furnishings- Tufting bedspreads, framing pictures

Objectives:

1. To assist families with meeting the home furnishings needs at a minimum cost by developing skills in making bedspreads and framing pictures.

Procedures:

1. Method demonstrations

2. Discussions and written materials

3. Exhibits

3. Clothing-The Better Dress

Objectives:

- 1. To teach techniques and develop skills of the homemaker to make a better dress with the professional look.
- 2. To teach the value of making clothing as a means of meeting the family clothing need.

Procedures:

- 1. Method demonstrations
- 2. Discussions
- 3. Exhibits

4. Home Management-Table Setting and Service

Objectives:

- 1. To create a desire on the part of the homemaker to set the table correctly and to use the silver, glass, and china in the accepted way.
- 2. To develop techniques for correct table service.

Procedures:

- 1. Method demonstrations
- 2. Discussions and written materials
- 3. Exhibits

5. Foods-Candy making, Meal Planning and Service

Objectives:

- 1. To assist families with candy making problems.
- 2. To teach value and procedures of planning and serving a meal.

Procedures:

- 1. Method demonstrations
- 2. Discussions and written materials
- 3. Planning and serving a meal

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C. Farm and Home Development

Charlotte is a pilot county and the areas to begin the Farm and Home Development Work was selected by the Agricultural Committee. The communities being worked with are the Red Oak community which includes 5 Negro families of whom 3 are tenants and Madersonville community with 7 families included.

In carrying out the Farm and Home Development program, the two families now being worked with will be assisted through home visits, demonstrations, discussions and project work in the H. D. and A-H clubs. Seven more families will be added this year.

D. County Goal "Better Housing"

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Objectives:

1. To help to raise the rural housing rate in Charlotte County.
2. To stimulate greater interest in the love of rural homes, by making them more comfortable, convenient, and attractive.
3. To increase pride in the community by increasing pride in each home and neighborhood.

"Better Housing" was selected again this year by the planning committee as the county goal. Each year both A-H and Adult groups select projects centered around this goal. Result demonstrations, live-at-home program, farm and home unit demonstrations and the farm and home development program also contributes in carrying out the goal.

E. Other Activities

1. National Home Demonstration Week

Objectives:

1. To create an interest in the Home Demonstration Program.
2. To bring before the public progress made during the year.
3. To promote recreation for those attending.

Procedures:

1. Plan program with committee and clubs
2. Announcement of date and program
3. At least four delegates will attend District Meeting held during the week.
4. Hold county-wide program and exhibit during week.

2. Fairs and Tours

Objectives:

1. To inform public of progress made during year.
2. To increase interest in Extension Program.
3. To encourage use of improved practices.

Procedures:

1. Plan with advisory board and fair committee.
2. Announcement of place and date.
3. Set up exhibits
4. Sponsor tours.

3. Live-at-Home Program

Objectives:

1. To teach purpose and value of community improvement.
2. To teach the value of raising adequate food, grain, and livestock.
3. To bring before the public the outcome of a community working together for all concerned.

Procedures:

1. Set up committee to score the community at beginning and end of year.
2. Meet with community clubs to discuss problems.
3. Conduct tours in the community.

4. Result Demonstrations

Objectives:

1. To show purpose and value of long time planning.
2. To teach improved practices.
3. To show results of extension teachings.

Procedures:

1. At least one demonstrator in each organized community.
2. Home visits
3. Hold meetings at home of demonstrator.
4. Tours.

5. Community Projects

Objectives:

1. To recognize some of the problems and center a project around them.
2. To encourage cooperation and group activity.

Procedures:

1. Discuss and plan community projects with groups.
2. Set up committee to carry out plans.

6. Unorganized Communities

Objectives:

1. Create a desire for organization
2. Reach more people

Procedures:

1. Contact key people in the community
2. Select organizational leaders.
3. Organize groups.

7. Special Interest Activities

Objectives:

1. As a means to create an interest in Extension activities.
2. To enable members to include extra activities in program.
3. Give non-club members an opportunity to participate in in program.

Procedures:

1. Workshops and clinics in restyling hats, upholstering, sewing machines, weight reduction and food preservation.
2. Written materials
3. Exhibits

III. A-H Club Work

A. Project Work

1. Clothing-So You'd Like To Sew

Objectives:

1. To teach techniques and develop skills in making simple articles.
2. To teach the value of proper equipment.
3. To prepare members for clothing construction.

Procedures:

1. Method demonstrations.
2. Discussions and written materials
3. Exhibits

2. Looking Your Best

Objectives:

1. To develop self-confidence
2. To teach boys and girls to care for themselves and their clothes.

Procedures:

1. Method demonstrations.
2. Discussions and written materials

3. Exhibits

3. Food Preservation

Objectives:

- 1. To help reduce the cost of the family budget.
- 2. To teach the value and purpose of proper equipment.
- 3. To teach how to select and prepare foods for canning and freezing.

Procedures:

- 1. Method demonstrations

- 2. Discussions and written materials

- 3. Exhibits

4. Meal Preparation

Objectives:

- 1. To create a desire to plan, prepare and serve meals well.
- 2. To develop the habit of planning a well balanced meal.

Procedures:

- 1. Method demonstrations

- 2. Discussions and written materials

- 3. Planning and preparing a meal.

5. Breads

Objectives:

- 1. To teach the value and purpose for measuring accurately.
- 2. To create a desire for making different breads.

Procedures:

- 1. Method demonstrations

- 2. Discussions and written materials.

- 3. Contest and exhibits.

Other Activities

1. Result Demonstrations

Objectives:

1. To show the purpose and value of long time planning.
2. To teach improved practices.
3. To create an interest in 4-H club work.

Procedures:

1. Demonstrators in home improvement and home grounds beautification.
2. Home visits
3. Tours.

2. National 4-H Week

Objectives:

1. To give special recognition to outstanding work done.
2. To record progress made during the year.
3. To acquaint parents with 4-H club work.

Procedures:

1. Special programs and exhibits
2. News stories.
3. Awards.

3. Rural Life Sunday

Objectives:

1. To encourage participation in church work.
2. To enable members to participate in the service.
3. To acquaint public with 4-H work.

Procedures:

1. Contact ministers and review plans with them.
2. Announcements of place and dates.
3. Special services.

4. Fairs and Tours

Objectives:

1. To inform public of progress made during year.
2. To increase interest in 4-H work.
3. To encourage use of improved practices.

Procedures:

1. Plan with 4-H council and fair committee.
2. Announcement of place and date.
3. Set up exhibits
4. Sponsor tours.

Wild Life Conference and 4-H Short Course

Objectives:

1. To encourage members to do better project work and keep accurate records.
2. To enable those attending to receive use information.
3. To enable delegates to participate in out-of-the-county activities.

Procedures.

1. Delegates will be selected by 4-H council on basis of work done during year.
2. Reports from delegates on their return from activities.

V. Scope of Work

Organizations

	<u>No. in 1955</u>	<u>Goal 1956</u>
No. of home demonstration clubs	11	13
Membership	265	295
No. of 4-H Clubs	14	14
Membership	362	386
No. community Improvement Clubs	6	8
Membership	62	75
No. other organizations	2	4

Plans for using the following organizations

A. County Home Demonstration Committee

The committee is composed of two women from each club. They will have at least meetings alone and two with the county advisory board. This committee will plan the home demonstration program and assist with planning other activities in the county. They will serve on committees for the Farmers' conference, achievement day, tours and other activities. They will select delegates for the District H. D. Committee, work closely with the program development committee, observe problems in their community and discuss them in their planning meeting.

B. County Advisory Board

The county advisory board will meet four times for the purpose of planning the over-all program for the county. The 22 members of the H. D. Committee will meet with the board and assist with selecting delegates for state meetings, discussing problems, planning tours and other activities and serve on different committees.

C. County A-H Council

The council will meet and receive training in conducting meetings and other duties of the officers. They will set up county goals, select delegates for different activities, assist with judging record books and make plans for other activities.

D. A-H Planning Committee

The committee will be composed of two members and leaders from each club. They will plan the A-H program and assist with collecting and judging project record books.

VII. Plan for Leadership

A. Home Demonstration

	<u>No. in 1955</u>	<u>Goals 1956</u>
No. project leaders	48	52
No. goals chairman	15	25
No. program development leaders	15	20
No. Result demonstrators	14	23
No. meetings leaders trained by specialist	0	3
No. meetings leaders trained by agent	4	8
Attendance at training meetings	62	100
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent	28	52
No. club meetings in which leaders assisted	40	90
Total demonstrations given by leaders	28	68
Total no. talks or discussions by leaders	65	95

Plans for training and using leaders

Training will be given all leaders. After receiving the training they will work with the groups with or without the presence of the agent.

B. 4-H Club

	<u>No. in 1955</u>	<u>Goals 1956</u>
No. 4-H Club officers	70	70
No. adult project leaders	35	35
No. junior project leaders	12	18
No. result demonstrators	1	6
No. meetings leaders trained by agent	1	6
Attendance at leader training meetings	27	62
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	14	20
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent	26	58
No. club meetings leaders assisted	41	82

	<u>No. in 1955</u>	<u>Goals 1956</u>
No. demonstrations by adult leaders	23	46
⊙ No. demonstrations by junior leaders	52	89

Plans for using and training 4-H leaders

All 4-H leaders will be trained. They will conduct meetings and give demonstrations. They will assist members with their projects outside club meetings and with their project records. Junior and adult leaders will attend 4-H and Wild Life conferences when selected.

VIII. Work with Other Agencies

1. Home Economics Workers

Assistance will be given home economics workers when ever possible with judging, exhibits, lectures and other activities.

2. Health Department

Assistance will be given with the nutrition program when needed. Families will be encouraged to take advantage of the clinics. Leaders will assist with the x-ray clinics and with the different drives.

IX. Developing Good Public Relations

Cooperation in every way to bring about good public relations with all agencies in the county. Assistance will be given co-workers when possible and to other professional workers.

X. Recording progress and evaluating progress.

Reports from members and leaders through the end of year evaluation sheets, home visits, completion of projects and amount of work done and checking the plan of work will be used to record progress and evaluate what has been planned.

XI. Plans For Professional Improvement

Plans for professional improvement is to read professional books and publications, participate in workshops, and educational trips.

XII. Cooperation with other extension workers in the county

Cooperation when needed will be given other extension workers in the county with their programs and other activities.

XIII. Problems of Extension Work in the county

To get more leaders to attend leader training meetings is a problem due to the lack of transportation. Plans are being made to have more training meetings on the community basis. L-H members do not see the value for keeping and turning records. Leaders and H. D. clubs will encourage and assist members with the records and emphasis will be placed on the value of record keeping in club meetings and other activities. Letters will be sent parents to solicit their cooperation in encouraging members to keep records.