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Summary of Accomplishments

Farm and non farm homes in Greenville County have advanced this year as a result of the Extension Agricultural program. Home demonstration work has been carried into 16 communities by 10 H. D. clubs and over 500 active 4-H club girls. Ten home demonstration clubs have held 90 method demonstration meetings with 884 adults attending. One adult result demonstration has been established and six farm and home unit demonstrations have been assisted. Twelve meetings were held at these result demonstrations with a total of 181 persons in attendance.

On the county-wide bases 5 meetings have been held by the County Planning Committee. At the planning meeting Sept. 21, the committee recommended the following club goals for 1950: Learning to Sew for the family: To plan and Prepare nutritious meals: The installation of safe home water supply: The improvement of home grounds: To improve the interior and exterior of the home: To study the importance of good housing. As an outgrowth of home improvement, three kitchen tours were conducted, and a total of 25 kitchens were inspected with 51 persons participating.

Food Preservation

One hundred and seventeen families have been assisted this year in improving diets through the production of better home gardens and food, 149 in preservation problems. Though not set up as a county-wide goal, all home demonstration club members living in the county

proper grew a vegetable garden this year. Many of the foods used in balancing the diets were grown in these gardens. While no demonstrations were given by the home Agent to adults, all present club members were given canning charts, books on canning, Freezing, and storing. Many club members have advanced to the point in food preservation that they volunteer for leadership. About 760 quarts of fruits and vegetables were frozen; 4,792 quarts of fruits and 5,696 quarts of vegetables, including pickles and relishes canned by members in ten clubs.

Out of a total of 694 4-H club girls, 589 completed projects. 34 of these girls in the Emporia club carried a special interest project in sewing. Thirty four cotton skirts were completed and fashioned in a dress review during National 4-H Club Week. The County 4-H Junior Council held three meetings this year. The council set up as its objectives: The observation of National 4-H Club Week, March 4-12 by all clubs. The observation of Rural Life Sunday, May 21; at Antioch Baptist Church-(9 clubs). A County-wide social at the Training School, June 7, beginning at 8:00. Sending delegates to the 4-H State Short Course, June 12-15th. 4-H and Adult Picnic at the Emporia baseball park, July 25th.- all clubs. Sending delegates to Wildlife Conference, Va. State College, Aug. 2-4th. To complete projects and turn in record books. To exhibit project work by booths instead of exhibiting by the individual. To sponsor the county-wide Poultry Contest which will end Achievement Day.

According to 4-H project records and leadership activities,

Shirley Perkins is our outstanding 4-H club girl for 1950. This member is 14 years of age; in ninth grade and attends the County Training School, and lives in the Mars Hill community. For two years Shirley carried personal laundry as her project, and for 1950 her projects were personal laundry and canning. Alone she canned 221 qts. of fruits and vegetables, and Shirley helped to can 90 quarts. All of the vegetables used by family came from her garden. Miss Perkins attended 12 meetings (4-H) for the year, and served as president of her division for 1950. In March Shirley was elected as one of the delegates to attend the State Short Course in June. In 1948 Shirley was secretary of the Mars Hill 4-H club and in 1949 she was made president of this same club. There are five members in her family, and her one and only brother graduated from Greenville County Training School in 49 and is now in the arm services.

ADULT PROJECT WORK

Home Improvement

The first of the five meetings held by the County Planning committee was devoted to work summaries for 1948 and Plan making for 1951. Learning to Sew for the Family; Better Housing, and Improving the Interior of the home were the county-wide goals set up by the committee. Club goals recommended by this group were as follows; To study the importance of good housing: To plan and prepare nutritious meals for the family: To improve the home water supply: and to improve the home grounds.

As 1949 marked the second year that home demonstration club members worked on arts and crafts, it was voted that such glass be rightfully placed under the heading of home improvement because it is one phase of the topic. Club members made larger articles this year. Foot stools, hassocks from cheese boxes, containers for knives and forks, door stops, what-not-stands, ~~ties~~ and dyed table runners, and pot holder racks were completed during this period. A total of 116 articles were made.

In March nine clubs had one method demonstration each on wood box making, pot holder rack construction, pot holder and dish towel making, and ~~Tye~~ and Dye work. As a result of these demonstrations, members made 18 dish towels, 27 pot holders, nine pot holder racks, nine wood boxes constructed and ten table runners ~~tyed~~ and dyed.

Three families have improved their water supply by setting up hand pumps and sinks in the kitchen. Running water for the farm home is one of the long time objectives for the six home and Farm Unit Demonstrations in the county. One farm family in the Diamond Grove Community has put running water in the kitchen, and plans same for other part of home within the next year.

Three kitchen tours were conducted during the month of May as an outgrowth of the home improvement goal. Points for judging kitchens were as follows: cleanliness, arrangement, storage space, ventilation, color scheme. The total results of these tours proved a net gain of 51 persons from four communities participating, twenty five kitchens visited and judged; twenty one kitchens thoroughly cleaned.

Major improvements made were, twenty two wood boxes constructed on legs; ten kitchens had repainted baseboards and wood work; and three kitchens had freshly painted walls and ceilings.

Learning To Sew For The Family

Twenty seven of the 90 method demonstrations to adults was given on learning to sew for the family. From charts supplied by the Extension Service, beginning members took body measurements. The selection of fabrics was emphasized. Exhibits of fabrics from Sears proved very helpful in our sewing work. A total of five exhibits were requested and used during the year. What to look for in buying fabrics and patterns was discussed and studied in nine clubs. To insure attractive well fitting, durable garments, the following points were stressed during our pattern fitting, altering, and laying demonstrations.

1. Before buying any pattern check your bust, waist, and hip measurements.
2. Always buy pattern before buying materials to be used.
3. Adjust pattern to body figure before laying on material.
4. Never allow for fullness when buying a pattern.

Laying a pattern and cutting a garment was the next demonstration in sewing. Feed bags were used in the cutting of garments for young children as practice work for beginning members who had little or no experience in using patterns and cutting garments. Eighteen aprons, five blouses, 18 childrens' garments, and eight cotton dresses were constructed during our sewing period.

Sewing

The Powell H. D. Club sponsored a literary program and baby shower in conjunction with the club goal, "Sewing for the family". In this activity several club members cut and made baby garments for two prospective mothers who were club members. A baby layette pattern was purchased and members selected the one they wanted to use, in making the garments. For two meetings members worked on these garments, and finished them to be presented the first week in May at which time a program was held celebrating National Home Demonstration Club Week. Seven members participated, and 12 baby garments were completed and presented at this program.

Adequate Meal Planning and Preparation

As a basis for work in meal planning and preparation, each member in clubs having the above as their goal was given the "Wheel Of Good Eating" chart. From these they learned the seven basic foods and why they should eat them. A balanced breakfast, lunch, and dinner were planned by each group and checked by the chart. Charts on meal planning were requested through "What's New In Home Economics" and found very useful in these demonstrations. As demonstrations a breakfast was prepared by one club; a one pot dinner by the Local Home Agent; and a lunch for different occasions by a member. For the dinner demonstration, a time and energy saving cooking utensil was introduced "a Mirror Matic" saucepan. From these demonstrations, members improved on the type of repasts served at club meetings; eighteen meals were

adequately planned and prepared, and thirty different dishes served.

Nine home demonstration clubs, with the assistance of a local supply company-Bowens' Electric Company of Emporia- sponsored a food and nutrition school, Friday, July 21, 1950. The purpose of the school was to teach improve methods in nutrition and food preparation and to introduce the values of a properly packed school lunch. Demonstrations were given in the preparation of breakfast breads and cereals, meats and meat substitutes, vegetables in the daily diet, milk dishes and beverages, and the packed school lunch. Sixteen dishes were prepared and sampled by the group. The audience also saw two motion pictures-" For Health and Happiness" and "Something You Didn't Eat". The Howens' Electric Company furnished the building equipment, contributed \$5.00 toward the purchasing of food to be used for the demonstrations, and gave prizes to the winners.

Home Ground Improvement and Beautification

A result demonstration on the improvement and beautification of home grounds is now being carried on at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Gillus of the Independence community. This demonstration was started Jan. 21st. At the first meeting only surveys of grounds and surrounding woods were made because of weather conditions. During the first week of February, this demonstration began to take form. Under the supervision of Dr. W. L. Watson, Landscape Architect of Virginia State College, twenty one farm men and women participated in the improvements made that day. The lawn was graded; the walks and parking areas laid

off; plants, trees, and shrubberies were set out and trimmed. The grounds had been broken and many local trees, plants, and hedges assembled two days before the demonstration started. Many more improvements have been made on the grounds, but the demonstration is still incomplete.

Four other families of this community have improved their home grounds as a result of seeing and participating in the first demonstration. Three meetings have been held at the home of the Gillus family since the first week in February.

Other Activities

The For-Get-Me-Not Garden Club of Emporia with its' thirty-five members makes an outstanding contribution toward community improvement annually. This club fosters such projects as improving roads to cemeteries, beautifying school, and church grounds and teaching members the relationship of flower and vegetable gardens to homelife. To make small plots of land yield some returns in enjoyment and use is one of the goals of the For-Get-Me-Not Garden Club. Each month a certain topic is developed by a different committee chosen from the members. Any person in the county might join this club, and it meets once monthly. One of the Garden Clubs' main objectives for the year is the sponsoring of the annual flower show in October. For this occasion, members and friends are encouraged to display their talent in flower arrangement as well as exhibiting select vegetables from their home gardens. Three speakers, two movies on the "Care and pre-

peration of flower and vegetable gardens, two motion picture slides on "Flower arrangement", one panel discussion by a garden club committee one community tour, one Quiz program, three special programs commemorating holidays, and 3 demonstrations were presented to the For-Get-Me-Not Garden Club during 1950.

Each Home demonstration club has adopted one or more of the State goals set up by the District Home Demonstration Committee. Three delegates from Greenville County attended the District meeting in Petersburg, May 5th. Goals set up that day were: Reaching More People nutrition and Recreation; and Better Housing.

The Age Rally

"The Age Rally" sponsored by the County Planning Committee was the one drive planned to raise money to meet the County Planning budget for 1950. Club members agreed to raise or give through some club project .02 a year for each members age. Club took ^h charge of this activity, and the sum total of \$64.12 was reported to County Planning Treasure through each president.

Literary program, "Talent Night" was used as a terminating point for this drive. Older 4-H club members who had been trained in some stunts or skits by leaders were some participating in that program. Adult H. D. members gave their supporting numbers. The three-fold purpose of the County Planning treasure is: to meet the financial obligations of county-wide H. D. programs, to send delegates to State Short Course and District H. D. Meeting, and to financially assist any local H. D. club that needs same.

The Bookmobile or Library on Wheels

The Bookmobile or Library on Wheels which serves Brunswick and Greenville operated by the State have been making stops in nine of the ten home demonstration communities. Home Demonstration club presidents have been serving as agents in getting the information on library stops, materials and books carried etc., to the people of their community. Club presidents report that books received and borrowed from this bookmobile are interesting and helpful. Though still small, the numbers meeting the library on wheels are increasing.

The T. B. Association

The ten H. D. clubs of the county are participating in the drive on T. B. Not only are the 177 H. D. members buying and selling stamps to members in their communities, but home demonstration clubs are paying the joining fee of \$2.00, and in one instance a club bought a \$5.00 bond. The Planning Committee distinguishes itself by buying a \$10.00 bond annually.

Home and Farm Tour

The annual farm and home tour took place in Hicksford District Sept. 19th., beginning at 9:30 A. M. The outstanding farm and home in each of the five communities in that district had been selected by a committee Chosen by the County Advisory Board. About forty five farm men and women visited each of the five homes and judged same. Scores for the homes were based on food preservation work, cleanliness and

arrangement, home water supply, and evidences of labor saving devices. The top rating home and farm was that of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gillus of the Independence community.

There are four members in this family. The home had electricity and was painted inside and out side. Over 500 quarts of fruits and vegetables had been canned; twenty-five chickens, 200lbs. of fresh meat, and sixty quarts of fruits and vegetables frozen. Also in this home we found washing machine, electric toaster, iron, ice box, and pressure cooker. The kitchen had been recently improved by inside painting, new baseboard, ceiling, window fixtures, new stove, and working units were step-savingly arranged as well as being clean.

4-H CLUB PROJECT WORK

Clothing

Ranking highest in the homemaking projects for 1950 is sewing of clothing. One hundred and one girls, mostly high school, carried clothing units I, II, and III. Seventy one of these members completed. In carrying out these units the following methods were used: discussions, postal displays, exhibits from Sears and Roebuck, and method demonstrations by local leaders both junior and adult, and home Agent. Girls worked in groups of twos in taking measurements "Make or Remake". "Choosing Fabrics For Clothing"; How To Buy were the topics mainly stressed in that group. These were the points given:

1. First plan what is needed and how it will be used.
2. The waring quality should be judged by the quality of fabric and the workmanship.

3. Cost and appearance will be a factor to consider according to the individual.
4. Design, color and fabric should be suited to the wearer and occasion for which it is planned.
5. Consider your skill in handling fabrics, this will affect your choice of texture, design and cost of fabric.
6. Check for informative label- those which tell you-
 - a. rayon, wool, silk, cotton, or blend of any of these.
 - b. About special finishes- color fastness, shrinkage, wrinkly resistance, and moth and water repellent.
 - c. How to care for the fabric.
 - d. The name of the manufacturer.
7. What it is; how do I care for it, and who stands behind this product are keys in fabric selection.

In units II and III 93 garments were made, and 18 remodeled. Girls in group III "So You'd Like to Sew" also made small articles as dish and guest towels, pin cushions, baby bibs, and small aprons. Many of these were made from large scraps of materials left from other sewing. With the "Looking Your Best" Unit most of these girls took special interest in caring for their, hands, hair, skin and shoes.

As a special interest project, 54 of the 71 girls who completed their project, made cotton skirts by a simple pattern of their choice. Keeping in mind the rules governing Fabric choosing and how to buy, these girls selected, bought and made these skirts to be worn in a dress revue in March. The Emporia club observed National 4-H Club Week, and this revue of cotton skirts worn with white cotton blouses was one feature on the program.

Food Preservation

While only 62 members enrolled for canning, at least thirty addi-

tional girls did some work in food preservation; however those girls and their amounts are not counted in our total. This extra canning was done as a matter of helping the parents, or in an emergency to save food stuffs. Parents and adult members supervised this extra canning. Books on canning, freezing, and drying, canning charts from the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, and method demonstrations were used in putting over this project.

Sixty two members carrying food preservation canned alone 2,461 qts. of fruits and vegetables, frozen 143 lbs. of meats and 60 qts. of fruits and vegetables. The four girls doing outstanding work in food preservation for 1950 are: Virginia Harrison - 365½ qts.; Shirley Perkins - 191 qts.; helped with 40 qts.; Dorine Harris - 165, helped with 85 qts.; and Maragret Washington - 127, helped with 250 qts.

Food Preparation

Girls are carrying food preparation as a 4-H project for the first time in the history of home demonstration work as such in Greenville County. Twenty one girls are enrolled in Food Selection and Preparation That number includes the seven members in "Food For Pep". These members were given the chart "The Wheel of Good Eating". Discussions, chart study, and method demonstrations were used in conducting this project. Adult and junior leaders, and home agent gave demonstrations. Of the 21 girls carrying this project, 17 completed. Nine meals were planned and four served during our meetings.

In the Food For Pep project, seven girls kept a record of meals

eaten for a week in spring, fall and winter; learned the seven basic food groups and why they need to eat them daily; made milk drinks 25 times for their families; washed the family dishes 150 times; set table for family 150 times; learned to eat 4 new foods each, packed school lunch 100 times; and gave eight demonstrations in meeting.

Personal Laundry

For the 59 girls enrolled in Personal Laundry, discussions, charts, and method demonstrations by adult and junior leaders were used in teaching the members. Fifty two members of the total project enrollment completed. These girls learned to wash and iron their rayons correctly, and 52 girls did their personal laundry for four months each. "I rather do my own rayons and woolens" reported 23 of the members. "When I wash my own clothes or iron my own rayons, I don't use strong soaps or let my iron get too hot", said several of the girls. "I will never wash white and colored clothes together again because very few colors are fast now", said five girls who had ruined a beautiful blouse each from dyes of colored garments. Ten girls laundied one woolen sweater each, and therefore saved a cleaning bill. The kind of soap to use for silks, rayons, cotton, and woolens; the right temperature of water and iron when laundering clothes were points stressed in this project. Fifty two girls kept a record each.

The home Garden

All of the girls carrying the home garden have been encouraged to take over the supervision of the main home garden, and with the help of

members in family, prepare and cultivate same. The average plot per member was $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Records reveal that of the 155 members completing, none raised vegetables for market, and very few sold any. Families of these girls carrying gardening were mostly very large, and therefore vegetables had to be used for family as theirs were the main home gardens. Every member did have some vegetables in their garden for canning and a few for freezing. Until the recent cold wave many members still had collard \acute{e} s, turnip salad, rutabagas, and lima beans.

Jerlean Seaborn of Russel 4-H club did outstanding work in vegetable gardening for 1950. This member is 12 years of age; address is Rte. 3, Box 72, Emporia; and for the second year carried this project. In her spring and summer garden, Jerlean grew squash, string and lima beans, cabbage, English peas, carrots, turnip salad, mustard greens, onions, Irish potatoes, and sweet corn. Because Jerlean has eight in family and hers was the family garden, she had none to sell but did can with the help of her mother and sister 292 quarts of vegetables and fruits. For her fall and winter garden she had lima beans, potatoes, cabbage, collards, rutabagas, onions, turnip salad, rape and carrots. This member won first prize in garden produce at the County Achievement Day. Jerlean Seaborn estimates her income profit for the year to be \$259.50.

Yard Beautification

As of two years ago, we find more than three fourths of our younger 4-H club girls in the first year carrying flowers as a project. To improve the workmanship in these projects, we have used pictures of flower

gardens from Agricultural magazines, had poster displays, and discussions to help members. One hundred and seventy two members carried this project, and 121 completed with an estimated total profit of \$364.53.

Home Improvement

Three members of a total of six carrying home improvement, completed their project. Methods used in carrying out this project were: discussions, homemaking magazines, posters, and method demonstrations. Three members improved two bed rooms (2 sisters); three members refinished bed side tables; six members rearranged room furniture; six hung pictures; two gave demonstrations; and three made stools.

Poultry

To the 131 members carrying poultry, leaflets sent from V.P.I. were given in addition to their regular books. Discussions on how to select and properly care for a poultry flock were mostly used in putting over this project. The importance of record keeping was stressed. Eighty eight members of the 131 carrying poultry completed according to our records. 3,100 birds were produced and a total profit of \$1,404.67 was realized.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Other activities sponsored by the 4-H clubs include county-wide picnic, observing National 4-H Club Week, Rural Life Sunday, sending delegates to State Short Course and Wildlife Conservation and Regional Conferences, county Popularity Contest, and county Achievement Day.

National 4-H Club Week

The 14- 4-H clubs of the county observed National 4-H Club Week by giving special programs in which project completion and recreation were stressed. The Emporia club girls participated in a dress revue and movie "Kids Must Eat", was shown. The two latter topics were presented in connection with the sewing and food selection projects being carried by some of the 4-H girls.

Rural Life Sunday

Rural Life Sunday was observed by 9 of the 14 4-H clubs in the county at the Antioch Baptist Church the last Sunday in May. Other than the program of 4-H songs, speeches, and pledges, the group was favored with special sermon to 4-H boys and girls. An estimated 75 or 80 persons were in attendance.

4-H Leader Training Meetings

Sixty two members of the 4-H County Council held the first of three meetings early in March at the County Training School. The purpose of this meeting was to train new officers how to carry on their duties in their local clubs, to set up objectives for a county-wide program, and to give leaders some training in skills and crafts. The group was divided into smaller groups as follows; presidents and vice presidents, secretaries and their assistants, and treasurers, songs and recreational leaders. After a one hour officer-training period, instructions in leather crafts, and converting oil lamps into electric lamps were given for forty five minutes. The group then reassembled for the

election of new council officers and to set up the county-wide program for 1950. The county-wide objectives are given in the first paragraph of this chapter.

The 4-H and Adult Picnic

More than 350 men, women, and children were in attendance at the annual 4-H and Adult picnic Saturday, Aug. 5, 1950. This festival was held at the Emporia Baseball park, and was sponsored by the County 4-H Council. All farm clubs, the 14 4-H clubs and the nine H. D. clubs were represented in this group. Music, races, games, relays, and contests were conducted by older 4-H members, junior leaders, and Extension Agents. A baseball game between the town and county teams was the main attraction for the P. M. Refreshments of ice cream and soda pops were furnished by the business concerns, merchants, and friends of Greenville County.

4-H State Short Course

Among the 43 counties represented at the Va. State Short Course, was Greenville with 18 members in attendance. These were boys and girls, and leaders from ten different clubs in the county.

Leroy Avent went as vice president of the State Short Course, and he is a member of the Merry Oaks 4-H club. For outstanding work in home gardening in 1949, Evoria Adams won a \$10.00 scholarship to the 1950 State Short Course. Sixteen other delegates attended

The Wildlife and Conservation Conference

From August 2-4th, ten delegates from eight different 4-H clubs represented Greenville County at the Wildlife and Conservation Conference held at Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va.

The Regional 4-H Camp

Edna Chatman, age 15, and a member of the Emporia 4-H Club was selected as one of the 4 girls to represent Virginia at the third Regional Camp, Virginia State College from August 8-15th. For 1950 Edna carried personal laundry and home garden as her projects. This member has held the following club officers: secretary, vice president, president, and is now president of the 4-H County Council. In 1949 when attending the State Short Course, Edna Chatman served as assistant secretary and the same year was given credit for attending 12 4-H club meetings. At the Achievement Day activities in 1949, Miss Chatman was a contestant in the County Popularity contest and won second place for her club with the amount of \$50.90, all of which went for progressing 4-H club work.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

Three United Nations Flags were made in Greenville County to be presented on U. N. Day. In celebration of the occasion, Edna Chatman, president of the 4-H County Council and Leroy Avent, Vice president of the State Short Course presented U. N. Flags to the Greenville County Training School at a general school assembly and one to Hampton Institute through president Alonza G. Moron, Tues. Oct., 24th. Two Moton H. D. club members also presented a U. N. Flag to Moton Elementary School at a P. T. A. assembly Monday Nov. 20th.

4-H And Adult Achievement Day

Aproximately 400 men, women and children attended Achievement Day exercised held at the Greenville County Training School Saturday, Oct. 28th. Community, home demonstration, and 4-H club members participated in the annual program. State Agriculture Agent Ross W. Newsome was the guest speaker. School Superintendent Reidel gave words of welcome to the group. Delegates to the 4-H State Short Course, Wildlife and conservation, and Regional conferences gave brief reports. Miss Rebecca Stamps, supervisor of Schools in Greenville County praised the Agricultural Extension leaders for their work in the communities. Two movies, "On The Road Tomorrow", and "Where The Road Turns Right", were shown.

4-H club members exhibited canned fruits and vegetables, personal laundry, home improvement articles, flowers, eggs, cotton, corn, peanuts, garments made in sewing, green vegetables and potatoes. Three prizes were awarded for each class entered.

Nine of the ten home demonstration clubs were represented in the booth exhibits. Mars Hill won first prize; Independence second, Dahlia third, and Antioch-Peebles, fourth. Products displayed in the exhibits were those of the clubs' projects for the year.

High-lighting the days' program was the determining of the winner of the popularity contest. Ten of the 14 4-H clubs participated and reported a total of \$282.18 for their individual clubs. Elma Sills of Pleasant Shade 4-H club won the contest after reporting \$108.50. The other three winners and their amounts reported were: Mary Louise Lee of the Emporia 4-H club, \$44.59; McKinley Roberts Jr., of Noton club, \$42.13; and Alvan Davis of Mars Hill club, \$33.51. The money raised by the clubs will be used for the promotion of 4-H Club Work.

Scope Of Work

The Local Home Agent had charge of all girls projects and assisted with mixed groups. The tenth home demonstration club was organized in September is why the number 9 appears in some places and 10 in others. While the Co. Achievement Day was a combined one ^{of} 4-H and Adult, I listed same under 4-H work only.

	1948	1949	1950
Home Demonstration Clubs or Groups	7	9	10
Membership	93	140	177
Number of other families reached	76	314	250
Total number of families reached	182	562	656
Number of 4-H clubs	13	14	14
Membership	1243	1414	1354

COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

The County Advisory Board

The County Advisory Board is composed of 35 members, ten of which are women. This body is governed by a president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, and treasurer. This board, except upon special calls meets at least twice per year. This board is responsible for and does all over-all planning of farm activities in the county.

The County Home Demonstration Planning Committee

The County Planning Committee is composed of representatives from each of the ten H. D. clubs in the county and now totals 24. This committee meets three times annually unless especially called. This organization has for its purpose the over-all planning of home demonstra-

tion work on the county-wide basis. Their plans and objectives are based on the needs, desires, and abilities ^{of} county families. Their plans and results are reported to the County Advisory Board the first meeting of the year.

The County 4-H Council

4-H Club officers and leaders from all local 4-H clubs compose the County 4-H Club Council. There are 112 members, and the organization meets at least twice a year. The function of this council is to plan and help carry out all county-wide 4-H activities; to check 4-H project progress; to keep local clubs informed of out-of-county activities of 4-H clubs or members.

Leaders

There are 31 home demonstration club leaders, 39 adult 4-H leaders, 26 sponsors, and 17 junior leaders. These leaders are trained in special meetings by Local Home Agent and other leaders. They are trained in handling 4-H club enrollment sheets, conducting meetings, leading discussions, studying various materials, and giving demonstrations. Leaders have participated in State Farmers' Conference, State Short Course, wildlife and conservation conference, county farm and home tour, national home demonstration week, District home demonstration meeting, and community kitchen tours, food and nutrition school.

<u>Growth of home demonstration Project Leadership</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
No. Project leaders and goal chairmen	14	15	31
No. Training Meetings held by Specialist	1	1	2

<u>Growth of Home Demonstration Project Leadership</u>				
	1948	1949	1950	
By Agent	18	12	15	
Attendance of all training meetings	93	121	155	
No. of meetings held by leaders without agent present	4	6	7	
No. of meetings at which leaders assisted	59	69	96	
<u>Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership</u>				
	1948	1949	1950	
No. of adult project leaders	30	31	39	
No. junior project leaders	0	12	17	
No. training meetings held by Specialist	1	0	0	
By Agent	3	1	9	
Attendance at leader training meetings	66	96	169	
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	3	21	9	
No. Club meetings held without agent present	4	6	5	
No. Meetings at which leaders assisted	41	64	86	
No. demonstrations given				
By leaders	9	9	21	
By adults	0	0	0	
By juniors	9	36	19	

Work in Cooperation With Other Agencies

Home Demonstration and 4-H club member supervised by the Local Home Agent, have taken active part in the following county or community organizations: The Emporia Garden Club by working with the planning committee and taking part in developing same; the Red Cross Drive by encouraging as many rural people as possible to join; the County T. B. Association by clubs paying the joining fee of \$2.00 and by encouraging all county citizens to fight tuberculosis by buying Xmas seals; by

persuading all persons in county proper to take the chest X-rays during the mass X-ray Clinic; the P. T.As' by speaking at their regular meetings; the Bookmobile Library program by H. D. Presidents serving as agents in notifying their community members of the Bookmobile stops and literature available, the Boy Scouts by H. D. club members contributing food to be sold at their annual dinner sale: and churches by appearing on their programs for talks or discussion leader.

Significance of Years' Work

Progress is being made along the lines of improved homemaking practices in Greenville County. That is shown by the increased number of persons participating in Extension Agricultural Programs and activities. Leaders have grown in numbers from 14 to 21 for adult work and from 30 to 39 for 4-H work. These numbers do not include helpers community leaders or sponsors (only project leaders). 4-H clubs are asking to meet more often. Numbers attending such county programs as Adult and 4-H picnic, the observation of National 4-H club Week, and County Achievement Day have decidedly increased. Project workmanship is improving; and more people are asking about their methods of doing work in the home. Money for sponsoring homemaking projects is being conducted by adult and junior leaders. Boys and girls seem more interested in attending Wildlife and Conservation Conference, the 4-H Short Course; and taking part in Achievement Day Exhibits. Adult and 4-H club members are working together better in putting over county-wide programs. In a dinner sale sponsored by the County Planning Committee, each of the ten clubs participated and realized a clear profit of \$71.30. In the

Co. Popularity Contest 10. clubs out of 14 took part and reported the sum of \$282.18 which will be used for promoting 4-H club work. Nine of the H. D. clubs participated in the booth exhibits for Achievement Day.

Six hundred and ninty four girls carrying 4-H projects completed 559. Home demonstration club members seem interested in learning to sew for the family. The attendance to monthly local meetings is increasing, and the workmanship is improving. In 1950 eight 4-H girls and two women leaders attended the State Short Course; four girls attended the Wildlife and Conservation Conference; three delegates represented the County at the annual ~~at the~~ District H. D. meeting in Petersburg Virginia, approximately 85 farm and women attended the State Farmers' Conference. More people are being reached through our Extension homemaking program.