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THE LOOK AHEAD

It is felt that next year's program can be strengthened through more participation in 4-H county and district contests, more trained leaders; continued use of 4-H Leaders' Council; the organization of a Young Men's and Women's Group, through the community improvement club that was recently organized, and through the Farm and Home Development Program.

16 rooms sheet rocked
2 homes painted outside
31 kitchens made improvements
6 new homes built

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The County Board of Supervisors were informed of work being carried on in the county through monthly reports that they received.

Cooperation with the Health Department, Tuberculosis Association, attendance and participation on church programs, attendance at school activities, visiting homes and giving assistance to other public workers were ways in which public relations were increased.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

Listed below are ways in which the Agent has improved professionally:

by attending the Annual Extension Agents' Conference
by attending Training Meetings conducted by Specialists
by reading Professional Magazines and Publications
by watching Educational Programs on television

- 2 water systems installed
- 5 floor coverings installed
- 11 homes remodeled
- 2 new homes built

In 1960 topics on Home Improvement included in the program were: Kitchen Arrangements, Color Schemes, Tinting and dyeing Kitchen Curtains. The first Kitchen Tour was held in connection with the program.

- 192 kitchens were painted
- 23 kitchens were rearranged
- 18 purchased floor coverings
- 20 installed wall cabinets
- 21 installed wall and base cabinets
- 10 made new curtains
- 17 improved lighting
- 8 obtained work stools
- 6 installed water under pressure

This year emphasis was placed on lighting and significant improvements were made. Other improvements noted are:

- 1 home insulated and storm doors and windows installed
- 2 homes sided with asbestos
- 20 windows screened
- 3 porches built
- 1 home remodeled

150 homes screened
89 complete water systems
installed
27 homes with hot and cold
water
31 New homes built
194 homes repaired
327 rooms painted
97 families improved home
storage space
43 homes painted outside
257 yards improved
43 families had telephones
installed

In 1959 some improvements made were:

101 yards improved
62 driveways improved
19 pieces furniture refinished
27 pieces furniture reupholstered
178 rooms painted
13 electrical appliances purchased
22 venitian blinds repaired
1 basement completed
2 rooms added
1 home installed storm doors
and windows
18 screens installed
3 gutters repaired

were held to teach members how to keep records, prepare record books and plan educational exhibits. A Club Project was launched to secure official 4-H Record Binders for each member. This might account for the fact that each member completed and exhibited his record book at Achievement Program.

Two members from the club won prizes on their record books and the club won a prize on its educational exhibit.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Price, the club has made significant achievements in 1 year.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Work in the home improvement area has made a great contribution to the extension program. In 1950, "Better Housing" was selected as the county goal. Since then the same goal has been selected each year as there is a continued need for home improvement. In both the old and new homes there was need for improvements in kitchens, storage space, water systems, heating systems, repairs, yard improvements, furnishings, and lighting systems.

Through county and community meetings, result and method demonstrations, discussions, special programs, news articles, radio broadcasts, home visits, and leader training information has reached the people.

As of 1957 some outstanding accomplishments reported included:

OUTSTANDING CLUB

Serving as organizational and project leaders, Mrs. Mannie Johnson and Mrs. Teresa Price organized the Mt. Zion-Snead Spring Community 4-H Club on October 6, 1960 with 19 members joining.

Members enrolled in "Looking Your Best" as a club project and in "Meal Preparation" and "Yard Beautification" as individual projects. Older members were trained along with the leaders to assist with demonstrations and project instructions.

To get the cooperation and support of parents and other community members, a supper and a recreational activity was planned and sponsored by the 4-H club. Parents and friends were invited.

Cooperation was given to a non-extension organization. The club made a contribution towards the purchase of a Tuberculosis Bond from the Southside Tuberculosis Association last year.

In March, members participated in the county observance of National 4-H Club Week and also gave a talk at their church on the 4-H program.

Rural Life Sunday was observed at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church by all of the clubs in the county. Members from the Mt. Zion-Snead Spring Club served as host.

In June, the club sponsored a delegate to the State 4-H Short Course held at Virginia State College in Petersburg. A report was given by the delegate at the county-wide program.

In addition to the monthly club meetings, other meetings

H-H Club Leadership

	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>
No. Club Officers	77	81	76	81	90
No. Adult Project Leaders	88	99	64	23	23
No. Junior Project Leaders	23	32	15	20	9
No. Result Demonstrators	15	27	25	26	27
No. Training Meetings by Specialists	1	1	0	1	0
No. Training Meetings by District Agents	1	1	0	0	0
No. Training Meetings by Agent	8	6	1	6	9
No. Training Meetings by Club Dept.	0	0	0	0	0
No. Training Meetings by Others	0	0	0	0	0
Total Attendance at 1 dr. tr. Meetings	100	137	13	37	85
No. H-H Leaders trained Individually	47	51	49	56	18
No. Club Mtgs. held by Leaders w/out Agent	51	53	10	21	17
No. Additional Meetings at which Leaders Assisted	91	94	85	70	76
No. Demonstrations given by Adult Leaders	83	87	78	76	85
No. Demonstrations given by Junior Leaders	87	91	80	41	22

Home Demonstration Club Leadership

	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>'59</u>	<u>'60</u>	<u>'61</u>
No. Organizational leaders	86	89	71	9	20
No. Project leaders (subject matter)	95	96	90	90	82
No. Federation Program of work chairmen	14	14	14	0	0
No. Program Development Leaders	14	14	14	14	16
No. Result Demonstrators	61	64	64	67	68
No. Training Meetings by Specialists	1	3	1	2	1
No. Training Meetings by Agents	4	5	0	2	3
No. Training Meetings by District Agents	1	1	0	0	0
No. Training Meetings by Others	0	0	2	0	0
Attendance at all Training Meetings	259	247	34	30	17
No. Meetings held without an Agent	28	41	7		9
No. Meetings leaders Assisted Demonstrations by Leaders	94	91	74		38
Talks and Discussions by Leaders	103	105	97		27
	124	118	10		30

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The public was well informed about the Home Demonstration Program during National Home Demonstration Week through a county-wide program, radio broadcast, personal contacts made by leaders and the agent and through circular letters.

During the year, a total of 48 radio broadcast have been presented weekly over a local station as a public service. These broadcasts have been for reaching and have definitely served as a means of getting information to non-club members.

Leadership

A. Growth of leadership

1. Over-all program leaders

	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>
a. County Agricultural Extension			
Service Board	55	53	60
b. Youth Council	76	81	103
c. Home Economics Council	18	18	24

SCOPE OF WORK

	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>'60</u>	<u>'61</u>
NO. H. D. Clubs	11	10	9	9	9
Membership	277	261	215	223	227
NO. H. D. Groups *(unorganized)	0	0	1	1	1
Membership	0	0	14	17	18
NO. 4-H Clubs	15	14	9	9	10
Membership	430	398	159	188	213
NO. YMF Clubs	0	0	0	0	0
Membership	0	0	0	0	0
No. Community Clubs	2	2	2	1	1
Membership	43	43	40	40	29
NO. Home Eco. Committees	0	1	1	1	1
NO. General Interest Committees	0	1	1	1	1
NO. Youth Committees	0	0	0	0	0
NO. Other Organizations	0	0	0	0	0
NO. Farm and Home Dev. Families	0	1	1	1	1
NO. Other Families Reached	223	212	197	208	218
NO. Different Families Reached	737	723	719	695	721

and give recognition to leaders and others. One feature of the program was a fashion show "Lets' Dress Right," which was centered around the 4-H clothing project and Home Demonstration clothing subject matter. More than 25 persons who participated featured dress for various occasions.

Reports were made by delegates who attended the Wildlife and Conservation Conference, State 4-H Short Course, Family and Community Improvement Institute, District Home Demonstration Meeting, and State Advisory Board Meeting.

Educational booths, individual exhibits and 4-H record books were displayed and judged. Prizes and ribbons were awarded to winners in each division.

The Executive Director of the Southside Tuberculosis Association awarded certificates of recognition to Home Demonstration clubs and the agent for their cooperation in the Mass X-Ray Survey held last fall. Approximately 150 persons attended the program.

Charles Vaughter
Gloria Walker
Phyllis Parker
Mrs. Estelle King

Jennings Ordinary
Mt. Zion - Snead Spring Club
Nottoway Club
Adult Leader

They gained much information from attending the classes in which they were most interested. Reports on their activities and experiences were given at the Achievement Program on October 21.

Wildlife and Conservation Conference

On August 1-3, three delegates from the county, including two 4-H members and one adult leader, attended the Annual Wildlife Conference at Virginia State College, Petersburg.

Delegates who attended were Gloria Walker, Mary Allen and Mrs. Estelle King.

They shared information obtained at the Conference with other club members at the Annual Achievement Program on October 21.

County-wide Picnic

4-H club members, their parents, leaders and friends attended the Annual 4-H Picnic held at Prince Edward State Park on Saturday, July 29.

Varied activities such as swimming, hiking, and dancing were participated in by more than 200 persons. The picnic was successful.

Fair _____ (See Home Demonstration Activities)

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

The Annual Achievement Program was held at the Dillard Street Community Center in Blackstone on October 21. The purpose of the program was to promote 4-H and Home Demonstration work,

seven 4-H club members representing 3 clubs, participated in the County Contest on May 13 at Southside Electric Cooperative in Crewe.

Those who participated in the Junior Division were Teresa Hawkes, Alicia Hawkes and Doretha Tucker from the A. G. Richardson Club and Dorothy Watson from the Piney Green Club. In the Senior Division, Christine Parker represented the Nottoway club and Joann Venable represented the A. G. Richardson club.

The winners Christine Parker and Alicia Hawkes represented their county at the District Home Economics Contest held on June 7 in Charlotte Court House.

Alicia won second place in Jr. Division and Christine won 3rd place in the Senior Division at the District Contest.

Four - H. Club members have benefited from participating in the contest because they have learned how to judge products, how to give demonstrations and they have assumed more responsibilities at home. As a result of the contests, more interest has been created in 4-H club work , among club members, leaders and parents. More participation in different areas is expected next year.

State 4-H Short Course

One adult leader and five 4-H club members attended the annual State 4-H Short Course which was held at Virginia State College June 19-23. Delegates from the county were:

John Green	Burkeville club
Robert Watson	Piney Green

service. On March 8, the 4-H Junior Council presented a Candle-lighting Ceremony at the Luther H. Foster High School. The purpose of the ceremony was to symbolize the meaning of the 4-H. Twenty-one members from 8 clubs in the county participated. The music was furnished by the high school music instructor and other club members.

"A Tribute to Local Leaders" was the theme of the countywide program held on March 9 in Blackstone at the Community Center. Miss Mary A. Bradshaw, a former 4-H club member, was the guest speaker. Culminating her speech, tokens of appreciation were presented to the leaders by the Junior Council. County winners in project work for 1960 received certificates and medals for their accomplishments.

During the get-acquainted period that followed the program, the Blackstone 4-H club members prepared and served refreshments.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Four 4-H club members, their families and friends worshipped together Sunday, May 28 at Mr. Zion Baptist Church in the observance of Rural Life Sunday. The program was planned and conducted by Junior Council members and club members who were assisted by adult leaders. The main theme was "My Life, My All to Richer Living." Reverend Clarence Greenhill, a local minister, was guest speaker. Approximately 225 persons were in attendance.

County and District Home Economics Contest

After successfully completing the 4-H Breadmaking Project,

Members were to learn: How food contributes to good health; how to care for the skin, teeth, eyesight, ears, hands, and hair; how to sit, stand and walk correctly, and health rules for home, school and public places.

To reach the established goals, demonstrations were given by the agent and leaders on the following topics:

Eat the right food .

Protect your eyesight

Protect your hearing

Care for your hair

Care for your hands

Care for your skin

Improve your posture

Written material was given to each member along with the discussions and demonstrations.

Of the 30 members enrolled in the project 27 completed it.

Other Activities

National 4-H Club Week

National 4-H Club Week was observed by 213 Four-H members in the county. Approximately 650 other persons were reached directly through two planned programs. Special recognition was given to club members and leaders during regular church services in several communities. Two clubs held special fund raising activities and lastly, a radio broadcast was presented as a public

supervising educational exhibits and by assisting with the fashion show at the Achievement Program in October.

Improvements were made in the care of the feet, skin, teeth, hands, posture, hair and voice. Other things done as a part of the project were:

- provided shoe shine kits
- dry cleaned washables
- practiced care of hosiery
- improved rating sheet by numbers
- washed sweaters
- stored clothes seasonally
- pressed woolens
- replaced hems
- hung up clothing when removed
- learned to use make-up

Significant improvements in the overall general appearance of club members were made. The program was successful.

Individual Health

Because of the need for improving the health situation throughout the county, the 4-H Planning Committee selected Individual Health as a county project.

Objectives set up were:

1. To teach the principles of better nutrition.
2. To improve the individual and family health situation.
3. To get members to develop good personal health habits.

As a means of giving others an opportunity to see the improvements that were made, and to furnish recreation, the club members planned and conducted a tour in their community in June. Refreshments were served and games were played on the lawn of the last home toured.

On October 21, the Piney Green Club set up an exhibit on safety at the Achievement Program.

Clothing I

The County Planning Committee, after discussing the county situation and problems affecting 4-H club members, selected Clothing I as a county project again this year. Due to the fact that 41 percent of the enrollment is composed of first year club members it was felt that this project was needed.

The goals set up were.

1. To create a desire in club members to improve their posture and appearance.
2. To get club members to improve their clothing and personal self.
3. To get club members to use correct manners.

With the goals set up, members were to learn how to care for their hair, hands, feet and shoes, skin, teeth, posture and voice, how to repair, press, clean and store clothes seasonally and lastly, how to improve posture, manners and voice.

4-H club leaders were trained individually and at county training meetings and they assisted the agent in carrying out the project by giving demonstrations, by leading discussions, by

any other places. The youth age 15-24 years rank third in order of accidents according to the summary of total accidents in 97 Virginia counties for the year 1960 by the Bureau of Vital Statistics. After a discussion on safety in the planning meeting, the Safety Project was selected.

Goals set up were:

1. To get members to become aware of safety hazards and remove them.
2. To get members to equip home medicine chest.
3. To put up an exhibit at Achievement Program.
4. To plan and conduct a tour in the community.

When members enrolled in the project, they made safety surveys, listed the hazards, found and made plans to remove them. Typical of the hazards found were broken steps, slippery rugs, improper storage of tools and many more.

The leaders and agent gave demonstrations on safety. They also had discussions, showed slides on safety which was obtained from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, presented a radio broadcast, made a home visit and gave individual assistance. In some cases, parents helped with the project.

Club members and their families were able to make some improvements in their community. For instance, 7 home medicine chests were equipped; 2 families provided trash cans; 4 families relocated clothes lines; 7 families cleaned and improved their surroundings and 3 families provided containers for glass and tin.

COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - YOUTH

County 4-H Council

The County 4-H Council is composed of officers from the ten 4-H clubs. During the year, three meetings were held to help plan and carry out the 4-H activities. The council worked closely with the adult leaders' council in planning activities for Achievement Program, National 4-H Club Week, Rural Life Sunday, County Picnic and In-training Officers.

4-H Planning Committee

The county 4-H Planning Committee meeting was held June 12 to discuss the county situation, evaluate the preplanning done in each club and select the county projects. Adult leaders assisted this committee.

Adult 4-H Leader's Council

On December 10, the first adult 4-H leaders' Council was organized. Its purposes are to assist in the promotion of 4-H club work in the county and cooperate with the State 4-H Leaders Association.

Twenty-three leaders make up the council. Six meetings were held during the year to help plan and carry out 4-H activities and also to train leaders.

4-H PROJECT WORK

Safety

More accidents are caused in the home and on the farm than

12. Install water under pressure.
13. Install bathroom, sink in kitchen.
14. Build back porch and pantry.
15. Improve closet and storage space.
16. Improve crop production.
17. Keep better records and budgets

So far, the family has developed a complete landscape plan for their home with the assistance of Dr. W. L. Watson, Department of Horticulture, Virginia State College, Petersburg. In the fall of 1960 the lawn was graded, fertilized and seeded. Some native shrubbery was planted. During the spring additional work was done on the lawn and the driveway and mailbox were improved. Greater emphasis was placed on the production and preservation of food this year. More than 700 lbs. of food have been frozen. This total includes 75 chickens that were grown this year.

Approximately 300 quarts of fruits and vegetables were canned by Mrs. Hurte and her daughter during the summer.

The family's clothing needs were planned and some of the needed garments were made by Mrs. Hurte.

Due to illness this year, other goals were not accomplished.

\$2,100.00 is for hospital bills incurred during the past summer. Their assets (minus liabilities) including real estate, furniture and so forth amount to \$2,750.00.

Crops produced on the 9 acres they own and the land they rent include flu-cured tobacco, wheat, barley, corn and oats. A large garden is raised each year and Mrs. Hurte and Lois can and freeze food. They also raise poultry for eggs and meat. They have 3 hogs to be butchered this year.

Facilities in the home include a washing machine, iron telephone, mixer, canning supplies, refrigerator and freezer.

The family owns an 8 room cinder block house that has space provided for a bathroom, central heat and some closet space.

The following goals were set up by the family:

1. Complete 2 rooms upstairs with sheet rock and paint.
2. Purchase new furniture for living room, one bed room and kitchen.
3. Repair and refinish same old furniture, paint walls downstairs.
4. Purchase new gas range.
5. Install tile on kitchen floor.
6. Purchase floor coverings for dining and living rooms.
7. Purchase venetian blinds for bedroom windows upstairs.
8. Install fluorescent light in kitchen.
9. Purchase dishes, silver, glassware.
10. Purchase some bedlinen, mattress.
11. Install central heat

Farm and Home Development Work

The William Hurte Family of Route 2, Crews, Virginia is enrolled in the Farm and Home Development Program. The members are Mr. Hurte, age 43; Mrs. Bertha Hurte, age 34; Lois, age 13; Linda, age 9; Irma, age 3; Carmichael, age 17; Walter, age 12; Curtis, age 11; and Charles, age 6.

Mr. & Mrs. Hurte attended public schools in Nottoway County. He completed the 9th grade and she completed the 7th grade. Presently, 6 of the children are attending public schools here. The oldest son, Carmichael, has acquired skills in carpentry and wood work and has assisted his father with some of the interior work of the home.

Since 1967, Mr. & Mrs. Hurte have been patients in the hospital for operations. During the summer he and his youngest daughter who was involved in an accident on the farm were patients. At this time, she has not recovered completely from the mishap.

The family members hold membership in the New Bethel Baptist Church and are active in the church and Sunday School. They are members of the P.T.A. Lois is a 4-H Club member.

Mr. Hurte works as a part-time farmer and school bus driver. His wife supplements the income by working as a dry cleaner at a laundry in Kenbridge. Prior to her going to work, she was active in the Home Demonstration Club in her Community.

Presently, the life insurance that the family has is not sufficient. Their total liabilities amount to \$4,100.00 of which

felt that the Annual Kitchen Tour has contributed greatly to the overall county goal "Better Housing."

Family and Community Improvement Institute

The County Advisory Board sent one delegate to the Family and Community Improvement Institute held at Virginia State College on July 11, 12, 13. One Home Demonstration Club also sponsored a delegate. A total of 13 people from the county attended some sessions during the Institute. Mrs. Estella King, county delegate, made a report on the activities at the Achievement Day Program.

State Advisory Board Meeting

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas King and the agent attended the State Advisory Board meeting held in Surry County on September 6-7. The delegates reported on the activities of the meeting at the Annual Achievement Day Program held on October 21 in Blackstone.

Fair

On October 9-16, for the second year, Home Demonstration Clubs, 4-H Clubs, and individuals participated in the South Central Fair in Chase City with educational exhibits and individual entries.

First and second place awards were received on the educational exhibits which were improved over last year's exhibits. More persons participated with better individual entries. This activity has helped strengthen the Extension Program.

Achievement Program (see 4-H Achievement Program)

homemakers to join the nearest Home Demonstration Club. In most instances, leaders distributed yearbooks and other printed leaflets, explained the year's program and told how the Extension Program had helped them.

On May 5, at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Nottoway, Mrs. Alice Birckhead, Local Home Economic Instructor, spoke on "Richer Living Through Better Money Management." Leaders from each club participated on the program with one selection which included reports on club accomplishments, demonstrations, and a discussion on "What The Club Has Meant To Me."

County Kitchen Tour

The second Annual Kitchen Tour was held on July 14 with 23 persons in attendance. The two-fold purpose of the tour was to give others an opportunity to see some of the recommended improvements made during the year and to serve as a means of recreation.

Kitchens toured were located in four different areas of the county, and each featured a different type kitchen arrangement. In Crewe Mrs. Florence Oliver - two-wall type; in Nottoway, Mrs. Williams - one-wall type; in Good Hope Mrs Edmonia Fields - L-shape arrangement and last, Blackstone, Mrs. Sarah Coleman broken U-arrangement.

Other main features pointed out included the installation of inlaid floor covering, purchase of new linoleum floor covering, installed base and wall cabinets, improved lighting purchase of 2 new dinette sets, new color schemes and new curtains. It is

accounts there is a need for more to acquire them to (1) help build financial security, (2) to help give one a start in business, (3) to provide for security in old age and (4) to pay for the education of ones children.

Mr. Henry Ponder, Agricultural Economist, Virginia State College, discussed "Consumer Credit and Installment Contracts." It was very timely.

Mrs. Sarah U. Davis, Public Health Nurse, discussed Family Health, Safety and Recreation. A film related to the topic was shown.

Lastly, Mr. J. W. Nuckolls, Agricultural Economist at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, made a flannel graph presentation and discussion on "What will become of your Property?" He advised all to help their families, communities and state by deciding what should become of their property legally.

A summary of the conference was given by Mr. Ross W. Newsome, State Agent.

National Home Demonstration Week

Efforts to reach new members during National Home Demonstration Week were made through individual, group and mass media contacts. A radio broadcast presented over Radio Station WSVS informed the public about the Extension Program and included "A look at the Extension Program in Nottoway County."

Club leaders, in addition to the agent, made home visits during the month and invited non-club members, especially young

conducted during the month of June at Piedmont Sanitorium. Twenty-five persons including the agent completed the course and received certificates. Homemakers realize now that good nursing care contributes much to successful treatment of illness and to the comfort and well-being of the patient.

Volunteer instructors were Mrs. Geraldine B. Hanson, Mrs. Etta Lee, and Mrs. Nannette S. Vaughter who are registered nurses at the Sanitorium.

Cooperation was given by the Local Red Cross Chapter, the County Medical Director and the nurses.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

County Farm and Home Conference

The family's well-being is measured by the way the income is managed; the farm and home can be made safer places to work and play; the health of the family should be protected and one can provide for an orderly transfer of property at death. These opinions were formed by approximately 60 farmers, homemakers and others who attended the Annual Farm and Home Conference on March 28 at Spring Hill Baptist Church in Blackstone.

Mr. James I. Carey, Manager of Burkeville Branch of Bank of Crewe, spoke on "Bank Services, Savings and Investments." Topics that were included in his discussion were "Using your Commercial Bank" "The Bank is the Saver's Best Friend" "Investments" and the Farmer and His Bank. Since only about 38% families have savings

with the use of an educational exhibit obtained from the Consumer Division of Sears, Roebuck and Company. The exhibit consisted of visual aids on:

dinnerware	clay and plastic dishes
glassware	glasses and glass dishes
flatware and hollow-ware	knives, forks, spoons, and metal dishes
table linens	cloths, pads, place mats, and napkins made of natural fibers and synthetics
table decorations	

After a discussion and demonstration on table appointments, homemakers were shown how to set tables correctly for various occasions.

Now it is felt that homemakers can properly select harmonious combinations of tableware, set tables correctly and arrange attractive centerpieces. They seem to take pride in beautiful tables whether for the family or for a special occasion.

To give others an opportunity to learn more about "Table Service" an educational exhibit was displayed at the achievement day program in October with literature for all.

SPECIAL INTEREST

Standard Course in American Red Cross Home Nursing

Realizing that sooner or later sickness occurs in almost every family, homemakers felt a need for obtaining more information and acquiring skills in the home care of the sick. Thus, the standard course in American Red Cross Home Nursing was

their families. In some instances, the agent met with the family and gave assistance.

It is felt that homemakers will continue to plan and follow their budgets more closely provided emphasis is still placed on the need for doing so.

Selection and Arrangement of Table Ware

Combinations of harmonious but inexpensive table appointments are not frequently made by homemakers. They did not know how to judge values in table coverings, and the various kinds of dinnerware, glassware, flatware and hollow ware. Attractive coverings and centerpieces were not frequently used.

The goals were:

1. To get homemakers to look for quality when making selections of table appointments.
2. To get homemakers to combine their tableware attractively.
3. To teach homemakers to arrange tables for various occasions.

People were to learn:

1. Kinds of dinnerware, glassware, flatware and hollow ware
2. Kinds of tableware
3. Arrangement of place settings and decorations
4. Points to consider when judging quality in table appointments

A well dressed table like a well dressed woman, depends on an attractive wardrobe of things that go well together. Thus, the demonstration on "Table Service" was given by leaders and the agent

They are located either in the kitchen, dining room, living room or bedroom. Latest reports indicate that the goals were successfully accomplished.

Family Use of Money

More homemakers are employed outside the home with part or fulltime jobs to supplement the family income. Yet, there is a need for more information on money management in order that they can use their incomes to the best advantage.

The goals were:

1. To teach people how to budget the family income
2. To get more homemakers to make and use a family budget

People were to learn:

1. Factors that affect the use of income
2. How income is spent
3. Advantages of using a budget
4. How to make a budget

Methods used to reach the goals were through flannel graph presentations and discussions, practical work, individual contacts, radio broadcast, presentations on "Richer Living Through Better Money Management" made at National Home Demonstration Week Celebration, "Bank Services, Savings, and Investments" and "Consumer Credit and Installment Buying" made at the Annual Farm and Home Conference in March.

Most homemakers made budgets at home with the assistance of

They were to learn:

1. How to select a location for a business center that would best suit their needs
2. How to supply a business center
3. How to establish a filing system

Demonstrations and discussions were presented to the groups that included topics on:

1. Activities included in business center
2. Provisions of an adequate center
3. Family needs
4. Furniture needs
5. Supplies for Business Center
6. Lighting
7. Filing System for
 - a. Home Business
 - b. Farm Business
 - c. Personal Use

In addition to the regular club meetings home visits were made upon request and individual assistance was given in the establishment of the center. A radio broadcast was used very effectively in that it aroused the interest of non-club members and they sought more information. Some Business Centers have been established among homemakers throughout the county. One of the following means was used in each case - use of old furniture already on hand, use of remodeled furniture, and use of built-in or new furniture. Those filing systems that have been established have been made with the use of metal strong boxes, drawers, and desks.

During the month of July, leaders who were trained, assisted the agent in giving demonstrations on buying guides, measuring windows, methods of solving window problems and selecting materials and equipment for making draperies. Samples of materials were obtained from a local store.

A county workshop was planned for persons who intended to make draperies but this plan did not materialize because homemakers were unable to purchase the material and equipment.

Even though most of the goals were accomplished, it is felt that homemakers have learned how to measure windows properly, how to solve problem windows and how to look for quality in curtains and draperies when making selections.

HOME MANAGEMENT

Family Business Center

Homemakers realized that some sort of system was needed to aid them in keeping better records and not only that, but something to help them improve their methods of handling important papers, information, and so forth. Not many homemakers had a definite business center with adequate facilities to carry on the business activities of the farm and home.

The goals set up were:

1. To get homemakers to plan a business center
2. To get homemakers to keep adequate farm and home records

the House Furnishings Specialist at Blackburg. Another demonstration was given on "The Light Side of Decorating." A series of slides were obtained from the Superior Electric Company for use.

Mimeographed material, booklets, a series of radio broadcasts and personal contacts were methods also used in carrying out the program.

Changes brought about in the people were very noticeable and favorable. Each kitchen toured on the Annual Kitchen Tour featured improved lighting. Two educational displays were featured during the year on lighting. Some wiring systems were improved; various centers were improved with the proper use of lamps, bulbs, and shades, and in the most instances bare bulbs have been shielded.

Making Draperies

Many homes were not as attractive as they could have been due to the incorrect selection of draperies and curtains.

Goals set up were:

1. To teach homemakers the value of selecting quality in curtains and draperies.
2. To get homemakers to acquire skills in making curtains and draperies.

People were to learn how to take window measurements, how to select fabrics according to furnishings and accessories, and how to make and finish draperies.

On February 2, the agent attended a Drapery Workshop for agents at Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va. This meeting was conducted by Miss Catherine Habel, House Furnishings Specialist.

HOME FURNISHINGS

Better Home Lighting

Some common problems in home lighting found in many instances were exposed bulbs, insufficient electrical outlets for the proper use of table and floor lamps in different areas and lastly, the improper use of bulbs and shades.

The goals set up were:

1. To get homemakers to improve the wiring systems in their homes.
2. To get homemakers to use more light for different activities.
3. To teach homemakers how to select proper lamps, bulbs and shades.

Good lighting makes ones work easier; makes a home more pleasant and comfortable; is the right amount of light properly distributed; and, is needed in ones home. These facts were discussed in the May Club meetings and served as a basis for the discussions and selecting the proper diffusing bowl, lamps, and shades for "Better Lighting."

Supplies needed for the demonstrations were obtained on consignment from the local Electric Appliance Company.

Other demonstrations on lighting were given in the June meetings by leaders and the agent. These showed the proper lighting for various activities such as reading, studying, working and so forth. A set of slides used were obtained from

Care For Wash And Wear Garments

Leaders trained on wash and wear garments received information on:

1. How garments are made wash and wear according to:
 - a. Fiber or Blend
 - b. Fabric Construction
 - c. Finish
2. What special care is needed for wash and wear.
3. What we need to know when buying wash and wear.

This information was given to the homemakers by flannel graph presentation, discussion on garments brought to the meeting, use of Sure Care Symbols obtained from the National Retail Merchants Association and mimeographed material on the care of garments. A collection of clothing labels were used to teach homemakers to file them for future reference. Samples of wash and wear fabrics were obtained from the Clothing Specialist and used in the demonstrations. Lastly, a radio broadcast was used to further emphasize the demonstration and reach non-club members.

Changes in homemakers have been noted - today, many file labels are used as references in the care of their garments. Homemakers know how to make wise selections when purchasing wash and wear. Homemakers are satisfied with the results that they obtain when they launder their garments. It is felt that the Clothing Program was very successful.

Planning Family Wardrobe

On March 8, Miss Margaret Groseclose, Clothing Specialist, trained the agent. Clothing leaders were trained on March 30 to give the demonstrations on "Caring for Wash and Wear" and "Planning the Family Wardrobe."

Homemakers were taught the methods for building wardrobes:

- A. Build around basic garments--coats, suits, costumes, dresses, or even separates.
- B. Build around basic accessories that go together in design, color, and texture and then add the needed garments.

The importance of using clothing on hand was stressed. Homemakers learned how to combine the old with the new. Many felt that they could use their previous acquired skills and alter or remodel some clothing.

In order that homemakers can determine what to buy, they consider ten items or blocks to wardrobe building, namely; plan, cost, foundations, petti-slips, color, design, texture, care, accessories, and results.

In addition to flamel graph presentations and discussions, the radio was used as a teaching method.

More people are planning their wardrobes before buying clothes, certainly major garments. The request for clothing information has increased. Examples of wardrobe planning were demonstrated at the Achievement Program in October when homemakers and other family members modeled garments taken from their wardrobe

Community Improvement Institute and District Home Demonstration Committee. Delegates attended all of these activities.

County Home Demonstration Club Committee

The Home Demonstration Club Committee is composed of program development leaders from the nine organized Home Demonstration Clubs. This committee met twice alone and once with the Advisory Board during the year to plan and carry out the Home Demonstration program.

County Home Economics Committee

The County Home Economics Committee is composed of members who represent the four districts in the county. It met twice during the year and has placed emphasis on home grounds and beautification and surroundings.

SUBJECT MATTER AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS AREAS

Clothing (Significant Story)

Major clothing problems among homemakers here in the county are planning adequate family wardrobes and caring for wash and wear fibers and finishes. Topics selected for program emphasis were "caring for wash and wear garments" and "planning family wardrobe."

Goals set up were as follows:

- (1) To get homemakers to take inventory of the family clothing and plan clothing needs
- (2) To teach homemakers how to select new fibers and finishes
- (3) To get homemakers to use the proper methods in caring for wash and wear garments.

serves farm families in 16 counties. Piedmont Sanitorium for negro tuberculosis patients, a state institution is located at Burkeville.

A recreation building is located in Blackstone and supervised activities are available to youth. In other communities, activities are generally sponsored by schools, churches, 4-H clubs, and civic and social groups.

There are three consolidated elementary schools, 4 other elementary schools and one high school in the county for non-whites.

The population of the county is 15,479, based on the 1950 census, with 35% farm, 42% non-farm, and 23% urban. There are 8,686 white and 6,739 non-white people. The three municipal sections in the county are Blackstone 3,536, Crewe 2,250 and Burkeville 700.

COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - ADULT

County Agricultural Extension Service Board

Representatives of the different communities and Home Demonstration Clubs compose the agricultural Extension Service Board.

Three meetings were held during the year to plan, execute and evaluate the county programs. These programs consisted of: The County Farm and Home Conference, National Home Demonstration Week, County Picnic and Achievement Program. It assisted other extension activities such as State Advisory Board, Family and

THE COUNTY SITUATION - 1961

In the Southern part of the Piedmont plateau lies Nottoway County which consists of 308 square miles and 197,120 acres. The land varies in altitude from 200 to 600 feet. Temperatures averages 38.9° in January, 79.5° in July. Percipitation is about 45 inches annually. The winters are fairly mild but there are frequent short, cold spells. The topography is gently rolling, with soils mostly sandy clay and sandy loam. The county is divided into two main watersheds with Highway No. 460. The land north of 460 drains into the Appomattox River. The area lying south of the highway drains into the Nottoway River.

There are only 747 farms in the county, according to the 1959 census. The average farm consisted of 136 acres in 1959 compared to 1228 farms in 1950 with 97.4 acres per farm.

General farm crops are produced in the county. Tobacco is the principal cash crop and is mostly sold in the market at Blackstone. In recent years, diversified farming has been emphasized, and today dairying, poultry and livestock are important. Many tobacco farmers have now added some livestock to their operations.

There is a local livestock auction market and a fire-cured tobacco market located at Blackstone. The closest flue-cured tobacco market is located at Kenbridge and all other farm markets are 30 or more miles from the county. The Southside Electric cooperative, a large REA project, with headquarters at Crewe,

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1961 PROGRAM

Extension work has contributed to better homemaking, better family living and informed citizens in the county. The success of the program can be contributed to greater participation from the people in helping plan, execute and evaluate the program.

Emphasis was placed on Home Management and Clothing both in the Home Demonstration and 4-H Programs this year. Because more families were working towards the same goals more accomplishments were realized.

It is felt that progress was made in the efforts to help families achieve desirable family life in 1961.

The improvements made will contribute towards raising the standards of living in the county.

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