VII. THE LOOK AHEAD

The Home Economics program in general was considered a success. A majority of the members reported that they used information received.

Improvement could be made by:

1. Better attendance at the leader-training meetings.
2. Still more thorough planning of the year's program.
3. A Definite program planned to reach more non-club members.
4. More project and organizational leaders are needed for 4-H instruction and guidance.
5. Organization of subject-matter and special committees, for the areas of greatest need.

B. PROGRESS MADE in Developing Good Public Relations in county with:

1. STATE EXTENSION ORGANIZATION: Have studied the program and policies set up by the organization.

2. PARENT INSTITUTION: Have attended meetings outlining present and future plans, at V.P.I.

3. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

(a) Have read and talked with key people about their programs.
(b) Send report of our work to officials.
(c) Publicize our work in local paper read by this group.

4. ORGANIZATIONS:
(a) Have kept informed about Extension program.
(b) Spoke before Newcomers' Club and PTA's on Extension work.

5. BUSINESSES:
(a) Have visited business establishments and discussed the part of our program that would be of interest and help to them.
(b) Work with them, when called upon.
(c) Have invited their personnel to Extension meetings, when topics applied to their field.

6. MASS MEDIA PERSONNEL:
(a) Have tried to give radio programs which would suit local conditions.
(b) Write timely news articles.

7. INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES:
Have visited individuals and/or families when requested, also mailed bulletins, and given information over the telephone.

C. PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

1. Membership in professional organizations.

2. Read professional books, magazines and other publications.

3. Attend workshops for agents, presented by specialists and others.

COMMUNITY PROJECT

Prince Edward County 4-H Interest Growing

By BEN BOWERS
Special Correspondence

FARMVILLE, March 9.—Interest now abounds in 4-H club work in Prince Edward county.

The reason? "We have community clubs," Mrs. Eunice Mottley, home demonstration agent, said. She is one of two Extension Service advisers for the program.

Community 4-H clubs are gaining in popularity throughout the state, she reported. But, Prince Edward is the only county in which this type has replaced the traditional school 4-H unit.

The community club was not a matter of choice in Prince Edward. When public schools did not open in the fall of 1959, gone were the school 4-H units for the private schools allow only a minimum of extracurricular activities.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Public schools were closed in the face of court-ordered integration. Only private schools for white children are being operated in the county.

Some Negro children are attending schools outside the county while some 650 are attending training centers.

Actually, 4-H club membership has dropped from 245 the last year school clubs were in existence to 116 at present.

"This is progress for we have eliminated the deadwood. Now we have only those genuinely interested in the program," Mrs. Mottley said. And, Dudley L. Peery, county agent and the second adviser, agrees with her.

Success of the community clubs, six junior and two senior, is evident from the participation of members, adult volunteer leaders and parents, they say.

'GOING' PROGRAM

The two advisers say they have never been associated with such a "going" program. Both have had experience with school clubs.

They cite a number of reasons. Project completions are up. The volunteer leaders have made the program a "real" community project. Club members stay in longer. County-wide events draw a larger attendance.

Also, by meeting after school or at night, time is not limited like in school clubs.

Because of a closer tie-in with the various communities, public service efforts have shown renewed enthusiasm. For example, the Worsham and Darlington Heights club was instrumental in getting the Abilene community to restore an abandoned building for use as a community center.

ALL-STAR MEMBER

Individual projects are improving. The county had its first member to become an all-star since 1953 last year. Two districts winners were picked in the fall. They also were the first in a number of years.

Perry supervises the agricultural projects, and Mrs. Mottley the home economics projects.

In the middle of National 4-H Club Week, the two indicate they are more than pleased with the success of the experimental program thrust upon them.

VI. For Special Consideration

Four-H Club work in Prince Edward County is showing significant progress. The problems have been many since all the clubs meet outside the school; meeting places and transportation being two major problems. The churches, schools, buildings owned by local organizations, and the college have been most helpful in providing meeting places. Home Demonstration Clubs are cooperating by helping with refreshments and transportation. Business firms have been most helpful and cooperative. More club members are continuing in club work, participating in county-wide and out-of-county activities.

Parent support has been excellent. All county-wide meetings have brought record attendance.

There is a need for more and better-trained leaders, to help carry the program to meet the needs and interests of the members.

(See next page for news article.)

Canning And Freezing Not A Chore To Some

THE FARMVILLE (Va.) HERALD, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1961

Canning and freezing food is a big job for homemakers in the country if they tackle it as thoroughly as Mrs. H. A. Stockton and her daughter, Linda Lee,, of near Darlington Heights does. They have canned some 400 jars of fruit and vegetables this summer and put away some 400 quarts in the freezer. Linda Lee examines the contents of a full freezer while her mother gives some tomatoes the canning treatmeat. Active in 4-H work, Linda Lee has won six medals, eight ribbons and $75.50 for her canning projects. She has given a number of canning demonstrations, the most recent being a frozen food demonstration at VPI near the end of June.

B. LEADERSHIP STORY

The Stockton family has probably shown the most progress in leadership. Two years ago when the agent came to the county, this family were good followers in the 4-H Club. Mother and father attended meetings; the children did good club work but very little leadership experience was indicated. In these two years the older girl started expressing herself in club meetings, giving demonstrations, serving on committees (she headed the committee to plan the talent show) and in 1962 she will serve as president of the Worsham-Darlington Heights Club which has a membership of over twenty boys and girls. In 1961 she was district winner in Frozen Foods. The son entered public speaking, won in the county and placed third in the district. The younger girl is developing her leadership ability; in 1962 she is to serve as chairman of the refreshment committee for the same club. The parents have accepted the role of adult leaders in the club and help in all extra activities; they initiate many of these activities. They give all the credit of their leadership ability to the 4-H Club work and of course the club program has strengthened as a result of their contribution.

V. LEADERSHIP

A. Growth

1. Home Demonstration Club Leadership

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Organizational Leaders	50	56	55	55	60
Project subj. Matter "	49	59	50	117	120
Fed.Prog.Work Chairmen	10	12	10	10	11
Program Devel. Leaders	10	12	10	10	11
Result Demonstrators				4	6
Training Meetings:					
Specialists	6	10	11	9	8
District Agent	1		1		
Agent	1	4	12	14	21
Others			2		1
Attendance at all training meetings	109	120	183	122	131
Meetings held w/out Agt	15	30	38	58	66
" with leaders assisting	95	90	65	58	66
Demonstrations by leaders	70	75	71	122	131
Talks, etc., by leaders	100	120	118	102	110

2. 4-H Leadership

Club Officers	72	91	60	42	56
Adult Project Leaders	8	10	4	4	9
Jr. " "	5	8	8	12	12
Training Meetings: Spec.			7	6	3
" " -Club Dept.					2
" - Others					1
" to Individual Leaders	7	6	8	4	9
" " Attendance					71
Club meetings w/out Agent	9	6	6	10	16
Addit. " at which ldrs. asst.	10	-	-	30	59
Demonstrations by adult ldrs.	5	-	4	6	15
" " junior "	-	2	20	4	22

IV. SCOPE OF WORK

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
HD Clubs	10	11	10	10	11
Membership	168	185	186	184	195
4-H Clubs	12	12	10	6	8
Membership	252	245	206	105	116
Home Ec Committees	1	1	1	1	1
General Interest "			4	3	3
Other Organizations					1
Farm & Home Dev. Families		3	7	13	16
Other Families Reached	200	200	200	220	230
Different " "	400	400	400	410	420

Increasing the scope:
Weekly broadcasts have been made by the Agent; Home Demonstration members as well as 4-H members have participated in radio programs. News articles and pictures on county activities have been carried by the local paper. Other means of publicizing Extension are window displays made during National 4-H Week and National Home Demonstration Week. A bulletin rack xx in the Agent's office is often visited by non-club members; frequently, specific bulletins and information are mailed upon request, to non-members as well as members. A bulletin rack is also maintained in the Community Rest Room for the benefit of all visitors. Talks were made at Newcomers' Club and P.T.A. meetings, Chamber of Commerce and Farm Bureau, on Extension work. Visits to bankers, merchants, fair exhibits, bulletins and mimeographed material further explained the work. Members carried information to non-members, who were invited to special-interest meetings; non-club members are participating in these special-interest meetings and in community work sponsored by clubs. Working co-operatively with the Woman's Club on the Home and Garden Tour has helped publicize Extension work.

10. Share the Fun Contest: Held for both juniors and seniors, there were 18 contestants. Winners in the junior division were awarded trips to camp. This meeting was held in the college recreation room; 125 attended;

11. District Contests: Six 4-H Club girls competed in the District Contests. Earlier, a county-wide demonstration contest was held for both junior and senior club girls, with 15 competitors in their respective projects.

12. Community Activities: At Christmas, 5 junior clubs helped to spread cheer in their respective communities by carrying baskets to needy families, visiting a nursing home and other sick in the area, and sang Christmas carols at each place.

One club helped with March of Dimes.

13. Recreation: Skating parties were sponsored by 3 clubs at various times during the year.

Leader training was given in recreation to leaders in each club.

County-wide picnic for entire 4-H membership and their families was well attended.

Senior members planned a picnic in July and a Christmas party in December for all senior members.

The Farmville Jr. Club had a valentine party.

The Worsham-Darlington Heights Senior Club planned and conducted their own talent show as a recreation and money-making activity.

14. Training: 51 club members attended a training session sponsored by the County Council, to train officers in their respective duties.

15. Achievement Day: Held in January, with an attendance of 72; slides were shown of the 1960 Club Congress; awards were presented to outstanding members.

~~16. Share the Fun This county-wide meeting was held~~

16. Rural Life Sunday: Observances in 3 communities were planned and conducted by local leaders and members.

17. RECORDS: Four girls entered achievement records in the state-wide competition.

5. Home Furnishings - Miss Ruth Jamison held an all-day meeting to train girls in these projects.

C. Other Activities

1. International Farm Youth Exchange Gertraud Allgaier, delegate from Germany, was the guest of the county during the month of June. She was the featured speaker at county-wide 4-H Club Picnic, was entertained by a number of rural families, was invited to talk before the Abilene Community Club and the Christian Youth Class at Green Bay.

2. Short Course was attended by 8 of the 4-H Club members, 2 as District demonstration winners and 1 as a talent show winner.

3. Public Speaking contest in spring was participated in by all clubs. The junior boy and girl winners were awarded trips to camp, sponsored by the three Farmville banks. The two senior winners were invited to give their speeches before the Farmville Chamber of commerce.

4. 4-H Camp: The district senior camp was attended by 8 boys and girls; 13 girls and 1 junior leader attended the Junior district camp.

5. All Stars: Two girls and one boy were taken into the Virginia All Star Chapter in July; these members, along with the Agent, attended the All Star Banquet held at Holiday Lake.

6. Garden-Canning Contest: Six girls entered this..

7. Five County Fair: Exhibits were made by 4 junior clubs. The seniors worked on one educational booth.
As a money-making activity, the 4-H County Council sponsored jointly with three other counties a food concession stand at the Fair.

8. Adult Leadership Conference: Two of our adult leaders attended this conference at Natural Bridge. Expenses were carried jointly by their local clubs and the three Farmville banks.

9. Funds: The three Farmville banks this year gave to the 4-H Club fund $25.00 each, to be used in promoting 4-H Club work in Prince Edward County.
4-H Club calendars were sponsored for the year by the Bruce Oil Company of Farmville, Va.

III. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - YOUTH

A. Organization

1. 4-H County Council is made up of officers and leaders of all 4-H Clubs. The Council assists with planning 4-H programs, sets up the county activities and plans the year's program.

2. Youth Committee is made up of leaders and interested lay people who help plan our Extension youth program.

B. 4-H Project Work

1. Grooming - To improve over-all appearance, to be more conscious of their appearance, and what they can do to improve. Council members selected the project.

Topics: Care of Hair
" " Teeth
" " Hands and Skin
" " Shoes
Posture and Voice
Hanging Up Clothes
Table Manners
Social Courtesies

Methods: Demonstrations were given by the agents, in the Junior 4-H Clubs. Local people assisted in the Senior Club; Mrs. Southall of Vanity Beauty Shop gave help on care of the hair, a representative from a local shoe store talked on selection and care of shoes. A public speaking major from Longwood College discussed voice control. Printed material was given to each club member.

Results: Club members showed a great deal of interest.

2. Automotive Care and Safety - planned by Senior Club officers. Training was given to 3 adult leaders who helped conduct the project. Two state highway patrolmen helped with the club program.

Results: Club members were interested but, due to a full schedule of other 4-H activities at the club meetings, very little was accomplished.

3. Meal Preparation - A leader training meeting was conducted for 6 leaders. Each leader held three meetings in her community.

4. Clothing - Local leaders conducted 4-H sewing groups in three clubs.

9. Judging by Leaders: Eight Home Demonstration members participated in the Amelia Fair judging.

10. Community: The Kilkare Laundry again this year sponsored our Home Demonstration Yearbooks.

D. Urban Families

No specific program is carried for urban families; however, about one-third of our members live in the town of Farmville and they help plan the over-all Home Demonstration program.

The Agent upon request talks before urban groups, bringing information on Home Economics; for example, to Newcomers' Club, which is distinctly an urban organization.
The majority of telephone requests are from the urban section.

E. Farm and Home Development

Sixteen families have received help through the Farm and Home Management method. Most were helped in housing, home furnishing, and landscaping.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank were probably the family that made the most material progress. They have lived with parents all their married life. They were interested in building. The Agent and Housing Specialist Wheary helped make final plans and advised in various phases of construction. Dr. Smeal also visited and gave suggestions for landscaping. Home furnishing is to be done next.

C. Other Activities

1. National Home Demonstration Week - in connection with it the county's Home Demonstration Clubs and the Woman's Club jointly sponsored a home and garden tour which included 6 homes and 4 gardsns. This was considered a most successful event, with an estimated 400 adults in attendance during its two days.

Two Home Demonstration Club Ladies prepared and gave a fifteen-minute program which was given over Radio Station WFLO.

2. Community Rest Room - is sponsored by the county Home Demonstration Committee; the room has been painted, some new furnishings added, and newer books and magazines provided.

3. 4-H Club Sponsorship: Six Home Demonstration Clubs gave camp scholarships to deserving 4-H Club members. Four clubs furnished leaders. Five clubs helped prepare and serve refreshments for the monthly 4-H meetings and three clubs helped to provide transportation to and from 4-H meetings.

4. Services to Communities: Four clubs helped with the work of March of Dimes and Cancer Crusade. Abilene Club promoted the Health TB X-ray clinic. Social Hour Club prepared favors for hospital trays, for Hallowe'en.

5. District, State, National: From Prince Edward, 41 Home Demonstration members attended the District Meeting at Chatham; 15 attended the Institute of Rural Affairs in Blacksburg, and 22 the Town and Country Institute in Blackstone. Two attended the National Home Demonstration Conference in Maine.

6. Growth: A new club was organized in the Five Forks community, with 12 charter members. "Their name, -- "Just-a-Mere" -- was taken from one used twenty years ago by a club in that section.

7. Five County Fair: Educational booths were put up by nine of the Home Demonstration Clubs; a number of ladies served as superintendents in various departments.

8: Achievement Day: With the theme of World Understanding, speaker for the afternoon was a Longwood College student, Joanne McKenna, who gave an illustrated talk on customs and her travels in Mexico and Porto Rico. The event was held in the Farmville Baptist Church, and started with a covered dish luncheon. Reading certificates were given to 44: Social Hour won the bowl for the year.

STORY

Our program in Home Management has probably brought the most tangible results, since 95% of the people use credit. The subject is timely. Approximately that same percentage (95%) admitted they did not know there was such a thing as shopping for credit; they were of the opinion that credit was the same everywhere. Our bankers told us that more than 90% of those who came in to borrow money never ask for the cost. Since having this demonstration in the program, homemakers have learned that this is a phase in homemaking which requires knowledge as well as planning.

6. Rural Art

a. Problem: Busy homemakers need to recognize and appreciate natural beauty that surrounds us.

b. Topics:
- What is ART in daily living?
- Nature program (bird feeding)
- Bird observation, identification
- Wildflowers, especially dogwood
- Plant Exchange
- Poisonous plants to look for, on family outings
- Wildflowers
- Grasses and weeds for dried arrangements
- Game birds and their habits
- Legends of mistletoe and Christmas tree (also using tree as feeder)

c. Goals: Learning art principles, so as to appreciate art where it is found.

d. Methods: The county chairman prepared each month mimeographed material on the above topics and sent it to each club chairman; this information was given at each club meeting.

e. Results: A great deal of interest was shown and the county committee decided to continue this study through 1962.

7. Ornamental Horticulture

A leader training meeting was held on ROOTING SHRUBBERY, AND INDOOR PLANTS (given by Dr. P. L. Smeal). This information was presented in four clubs.

One fair exhibit was based on this topic.

Twelve ladies attended the special session on Landscaping at the Country and Town Institute.

Three result demonstrations have been set up in landscaping.

The Agent attended a tour of a Lynchburg garden.

Twelve radio programs were given on the above subject.

Illustrated material was furnished by local stores.

The Agent gave a Color Schemes demonstration to the Farmville Newcomers' Club, with 32 in attendance.

Two special interest meetings were held in house furnishings, one in chair reseating with 10 attending, and the lampshade making with 22.
Home visits were made, to help in specific house furnishings problems.

Two educational fair booths were prepared on flower arrangement.

Six radio programs were given in this general field.

e. Results: Club members have gained skill in selection and construction.

5. Housing

a. Problem: With the family size and status changing, houses need to be changed to suit family needs. Homemakers need basic rules and suggestions in making these changes.

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c. Goals: To obtain information about HOUSING that will help homemakers decide on the best methods to use in making changes -- and points to consider or look for.

d. Methods: A county-wide housing committee was organized and set up goals and methods of reaching:

1st, it seems that very few people know this service in housing is available through Extension Service. Committee women were to act as resource people in their local communities, to so advise interested people.

The Housing Specialist, Mr. Cecil Wheary, spent 2½ days in the county and consulted with 11 families in construction or remodeling; 4 others have requested help as time permits.

Two families attended Institute in Blackstone and attended the Housing session.

Two radio programs were based on the topic, and bulletins loaned to interested ladies.

e. Results: One house is completed, using Extension service in building; 4 are under construction, while others have their plans on paper to be constructed in the near future.

d. Methods:

The agent gave demonstrations in ten Home Demonstration Clubs on patterns, etc. Home visits were made to help in specific problems.

Miss McClaskey gave a demonstration to leaders in 10 clubs; then ladies gave demonstration in their own clubs.

Three clubs toured beauty parlors and a contour shop.

A preliminary meeting was held on hatmaking. Miss McClaskey assisted in the actual workshop on hatmaking.

Three educational fair booths were put up at the Five County Fair; 6 radio talks given and 2 news articles written; bulletins and mimeographed material was given at club meetings and in the office.

e. Results

Club members reported they gained knowledge in selection and construction of plaids and stripes. They also learned more about pattern selection to suit the different types of figures.

The grooming demonstration was very interesting and informative to all club members.

Ladies attending hat restyling clinic made over their old hats. Results were very satisfactory.

4. Home Furnishings

a. Problem: With over half of the Home Demonstration Club members working outside the home, prices rising, and the scarcity of hired help in the home, many need more help in planning, buying and caring for house furnishings.

b. Topics: Flower Arrangement
Making Lampshades
Chair-bottoming
Color Schemes

c. Goals and Objectives: To become better managers, and to acquire more skills, in house furnishings.

d. Methods:

Flower arrangement was given in 6 home demonstration clubs, with the women securing their information from local garden clubs. Three clubs visited a local florist where the lady in charge showed materials needed and methods used for simple flower arrangements.

Color Schemes for the home was a demonstration for home demonstration clubs in March, with program being given by leaders after their training, Miss Jamison.

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was held in the Longwood College foods laboratory; all girls enrolled in foods classes for that day attended.

Miss Janet Cameron gave the demonstration on Charcoal Cookery and the one on Low Calorie Diets. This training meeting was held in the home of a local club member; those attending gave the demonstrations in their respective clubs.

The Agent gave a demonstration on Christmas Cookery, using written material furnished by the Foods Specialists.

Six ladies went to the Town and Country Institute in Blackstone and attended the Food and Nutrition section on low calories.

The Agent attended a State nutrition forum held in Richmond.

Fifteen radio programs were given on food and nutrition, and 9 news articles written.

Three fair exhibits were put up on these subjects.

Mimeographed material and bulletins were given at all home Demonstration Club meetings the five months these topics were discussed. They are also distributed through the office upon request from visitors of by telephone; they are also distributed through the community rest room display rack.

Audrey Robinson, VEPCO Home Economist, conducted a special interest meeting for all club members on Christmas foods and decorations.

e. Results: All clubs reported most of the club members using this material and information and passing it along to non-club members.

A number of members reported changing food habits, losing weight, etc.

8. Clothing

a. Problem: The field of clothing is changing constantly. Information is needed to be better informed in purchasing and constructing garments.

Homemakers are becoming more conscious of their appearance at home and away. So much in the way of cosmetics is available: how can one know what is essential for good grooming?

b. Topics: Fitting and Using Patterns (specific information on plaids and stripes)

Grooming

Restyling Hats

d. Teaching Method: Agent received agent training from SpecialistsMrs. Ocie O'Brien and Mrs. Amelia Fuller on current management problems.

The Agent had conferences with the farm service directors of the local banks, presented Extension publications and discussed their services in credit. The two directors agreed to give this information to the ten Home Demonstration Clubs.

Two radio programs and three news articles were devoted to this topic, while bulletins and mimeographed materials were given at demonstrations and distributed through office and mailed upon request.

e. Results: A great deal of interest was shown; all demonstrations went beyond time limit, due to numerous questions. From this demonstration, the bankers were asked to repeat this information at the Woman's Club of Farmville and the Community Club at Abilene.

2. Food and Nutrition

a. Problem: Homemakers are always eager to get new and better ideas on home meal planning and preparation. With over 50% of the homemakers working outside the home, the need is even greater for help in good planning.

All surveys indicate fresh fruits and vegetables are lacking in over 50% of the family diets.

Overweight is the No. 1 nutritional problem in the United States. Prince Edward is no exception.

Cooking out-of-doors is more and more a family activity.

b. Goals and Objectives: To acquire skill in planning and preparing nutritious meals.

To plan meals that meet daily requirements yet are low in calories.

To learn variety and balanced meals to be cooked out-of-doors.

c. Topics: Strawberry Desserts
Fresh Salads
Charcoal Cookery
Low Calorie Diets
Christmas Cookery

d. Methods: Mrs. Mary Thompson, Food and Nutrition Specialist, trained leaders in two topics, who gave the demonstration in their respective clubs. This training meeting

II. COUNTY EXTENSION WORK - ADULT

A. Organization

1. County Agricultural Extension Service Board

This will be established after the Home Economics Council is functioning and the Home Economics and General Interest Committees are established. It is doubtful that this Board will be ready for organization before 1962.

2. County Home Demonstration Club Committees

Composed of the presidents and program development leaders from the eleven clubs, plus lay leaders in the county, this committee met twice in 1961 to set up goals, plan programs and outline the year's work based on the needs and interests of local people.

3. Housing Committee

Organized in March with four members present, the committee set up goals and suggested methods of reaching them. The women asked to meet again in the winter to evaluate work and make plans for the future.

4. Rural Arts

Committees on copper tooling and swedish embroidery conducted meetings for interested groups.

5. Youth

The Youth Committee meets twice a year to plan needs for youth and suggest methods of doing same.

B. Subject Matter

1. Home Management

a. Problem: 75% of all U. S. families have debts. This county seems to be average or above as to this condition. Three banks as well as other loan companies are in Farmville. Credit is available in most of the local stores and mail order houses.

Credit is promoted by all mass media methods plus. Homemakers need to be informed as to the credit system.

b. Goals and Objectives: 1st, to learn the different types of credit and how they vary in price.

2nd, to learn how to be a wise shopper for credit, when credit is necessary.

c. Topics: How to Shop for Credit.

I. THE COUNTY SITUATION

Prince Edward County is located in south-central Virginia and has an area of 357 square miles. Its population has been listed at 15,398 - 72% rural (6,944 farm and 4,079 rural non-farm). Farmville, the county seat, is growing slowly and is now considered to have a population of 6,500.

Tobacco is the main cash crop but there are orchards, poultry farms, dairy farms, and some beef cattle. General farming is carried on by the majority of farm families. Continuous tobacco acreage cuts have caused farm families to seek part-time or full-time off-the-farm employment. With the steady rise in prices of commodities and equipment that farmers have to buy, even with farm income cut, many housewives are seeking outside employment. There is an increased interest in better home management as to money, time and energy.

Farmville is the shopping center. In this town are located a shoe factory, two laundries, a garment factory and many stores where women of the county are working. Longwood College and Hampden-Sydney College are located in the county; facilities are available from both colleges for group meetings. The Southside Hospital has its center in Farmville; as with the colleges, cooperation is well established. Seven construction companies are located in Farmville; new small homes are being built on the outskirts of town and in the rural areas.

There are no public schools in Prince Edward County. Six private schools for elementary grades, plus one large high school, are in operation. This change has caused families to become even more aware of their responsibilities in citizenship.

Every section of the county has access to electricity. Telephone service is available in every section except Five Forks.

Recreation:
- 1 bowling alley
- 1 skating rink
- 1 small recreation park owned by town
- 1 recreation area owned by community recreation association, with swimming pool and junior ballfield
- 1 state park with swimming, boating, fishing, and picnic area

Additional markets and services: 4 large supermarkets (grocery) are located in Farmville; 2 launderettes have been added; another chain store (5&10) has leased property to open in early 1962.

Many rural homes are without running water, and have inadequate wiring.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FAMILY LIVING

"HOME MANAGEMENT" and "FOOD AND NUTRITION" are the two phases of the Home Demonstration program that seemed to be most helpful in the 1961 program.

No time in history has the homemaker had so much responsibility. To manage a home, rear children, and contribute to community development, the homemaker needs all the help she can get in making choices, managing and serving.

Since she has the responsibility of her family's health, she cannot take selecting and buying, preparing and serving of the meals too lightly. The Extension program this year has attempted to help the homemaker in these areas. In each foods meeting the four basic food groups have been stressed, with special emphasis put on areas where survey shows the greatest weakness.

Five months during the year homemakers ask for help in their FOOD AND NUTRITION problem. The majority of 4-H girls carried some type of food project.

As to HOME MANAGEMENT, homemakers do most of the family buying. In each month's Home Demonstration club program, information was given to help the ladies to be more effective in this field. Since credit is used extensively in this county, one month's demonstration was devoted to consideration of the wise use of credit. Several 4-H Club girls have taken Money Management as their project for the help it will give them in preparing for the future.

Information on the above subjects was given in Home Demonstration programs, 4-H project meetings, office and home visits, as well as through news articles, radio programs, mimeographed materials and bulletins, and exhibits.

While there is much more to be learned, the homemakers feel that these two phases have increased their knowledge and skill in homemaking.

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