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IV. THE COUNTY SITUATION AS IT AFFECTED THE 1955 PROGRAM

Arlington County is a small densely populated urban area adjacent to Washington, D. C. Its population of 164,000 is made up of relatively young well educated people who are reported to have the highest family income of any county in the United States. More than half of the wage earners are employed by the Federal government. There is also a large number of military personnel in the area. Because of these factors it is estimated that 50% of the population moves every two years.

The cost of living continues at a high level, making it advantageous for homemakers to be wise shoppers in all phases of family expenditures. Learning new skills is important to Arlington homemakers, not only for savings made but also for satisfactions gained. Creative activities for the family are important in an environment with so many outside pressures.

There are many outside demands on the homemakers time in the average Arlington home. The numerous civic, professional, educational and religious organizations require time away from home. The area also attracts many tourists, making entertaining an important home activity. These factors point up the importance of good home management and family living to the homemakers in this busy urban area.

Although young people are also busy with numerous organizations and activities, many areas are recognizing a need for constructive activities, especially during the summer. The 4-H program can help girls learn definite homemaking skills for use now and in later life, as well as develop leadership.

V. ADULT WORK

A. Project Work

1. House Furnishings

House Furnishings topics again received major emphasis in the 1955 program. The work was planned to help the women establish long range plans for improving color coordination and harmony in the home. Additional emphasis was placed on the good design of accessories and small furnishings.

In January the agent gave demonstrations at the club meetings on "Color Coordination in House Furnishings". Basic color information was discussed by use of a Color Quiz obtained from the National Paint, Varnish and Laquer Association and information prepared by the house furnishings specialist. The agent illustrated various color combinations using printed fabrics, pictures and wallpaper for inspiration. Swatches of drapery and upholstery fabrics and rugs, to make these color combinations, were obtained from a local department store. Two excellent colored pamphlets published by rug companies were obtained for members also. The interest in this lesson was very high. Much of the basic color information could be applied to clothing and crafts as well as house furnishings.

Leaders were trained by the House Furnishings Specialist for the two lessons on picture framing, "Framing and Using Pictures in the Home" and "Cleaning and Finishing Frames". This lesson created much interest. Although some clubs tried to combine the two lessons into one, most of them gave the first as a discussion of basic principles of picture framing and using groups of pictures in the home and had the second as a workshop meeting during the summer.

The agent obtained a sample exhibit of picture frames and finishes and mats for the training meeting and arranged for them to be used at club meetings. These were helpful in showing materials available to those who make their own frames.

Leaders for the lesson on flower arrangement were trained by a local member, Mrs. T. B. Gilbert, who had studied in Japan and taught flower arrangement locally. Mrs. Gilbert discussed suitable containers, vases and equipment and illustrated and demonstrated the basic principles of Japanese flower arrangement. The leaders then had an opportunity to make their own arrangements which were discussed and evaluated by Mrs. Gilbert and the other leaders. The agent felt that the leaders received excellent training and were able to give good demonstrations at the club meetings. They were encouraged to use the demonstration and workshop method at club meetings also. An excellent informative booklet of Japanese Flower Arrangement was obtained for all leaders from the Embassy of Japan.

One county meeting and several workshop meetings were held on braided rugs. Leaders helped several women plan and start their rugs. Progress seems rather slow but the women are benefiting from the training given last year. Several very fine rugs will result in time.

Two special programs on "Good Design in House Furnishings" were given by the home furnishings specialist through the cooperation of the Hecht Company in Arlington. The request for these meetings came from several of the counties in Northern Virginia. Unfortunately the attendance was not too large but those attending found it most worthwhile. The exhibits prepared, showing good design in all types of house furnishings and accessories, were excellent. Most of the items were selected from the store. It was an excellent supplement to recent lessons on house furnishings topics in Arlington, namely; Color coordination, picture framing, table setting and flower arrangements. Approximately 70 women attended from Arlington and 65 from neighboring counties. This included a fairly representative group so information should get back to club members.

At the request of two clubs a special slip cover clinic was arranged with 17 women participating. Leaders with previous training conducted the clinic.

2. Clothing

The high degree of interest and participation in clothing could place it as a field of major emphasis too. The basic sewing program was planned to help members acquire simple construction techniques and become more speedy home sewers. Emphasis was placed on the importance of knowing and reading labels, to achieve more consumer satisfaction. Selection and care of hats along with remodeling old hats was planned to help the homemaker take better care of her possessions and use them more effectively for a longer period of time.

Many members expressed the opinion that the basic sewing workshops held were "the most worthwhile thing we have ever had in Home Demonstration". Leaders were trained by the agents to conduct the February demonstration on Basic Sewing Shortcuts and also to conduct the special interest Basic Sewing Workshops. The Bishop method of clothing construction was used in giving this training. The agent had taken this course locally and used a similar method in training leaders. For the club demonstration two general techniques were shown. They were making a zipper placket (by new Talon method) and hemming a skirt by easing out fullness and using seam tape and by making an invisible stitch by machine. Special interest workshops followed this lesson in 17 clubs. Leaders from all 19 clubs were trained to conduct these workshops in 3 all day training meetings. Because there were 40 leaders participating in this training the agents had to arrange 2 series of these training meetings. A combination demonstration workshop method was used for these training meetings. Leaders brought portable machines so they could work with supervision following demonstrations of techniques by the agent. Each leader made 3 garments, a basic

cotton blouse, a wool or rayon skirt and a striped shirtwaize blouse. Most of the leaders had previous sewing experience so were able to keep up to the concentrated form of training given. It was suggested that they hold 6 half day workshops in teaching club members. Those who followed this plan were most successful. A total of 58 special interest workshops were held by clubs with 160 women participating and 307 garments made. The leaders and members are anxious to go on to fitting and tailoring courses next year.

In February a 3 day "Fashion Fabric Forum" was presented by Kanns Arlington Store. This was arranged at the request of the Home Demonstration Agent and included some excellent educational features. New fabrics on the market were displayed and discussed. Many were used in the garments modeled in the fashion shows sponsored by McCall's, Advance and Vogue pattern companies. Representatives of these companies presented the fashions with the help of Briget Magin, sewing instructor at Kanns, who supervised the making of the garments. Representatives of the Talon Zipper Company and Beldine Corticelli threads also appeared on the program. Miss Magin also gave some excellent demonstrations on sewing and fitting techniques at each program. Different programs were presented each day with a total of 7 sessions. There was a capacity crowd of 250 women at each session which indicates their popularity. Many women attended each of the 3 programs. The agents felt that these programs were timely and educational and added to the success of the basic sewing lessons.

The lesson on Better Labeling for Clothing was an interesting one both to plan and present. The agents presented a leader training meeting after doing research on the subject. Help was obtained from Alice Linn, Extension Clothing Specialist U.S.D.A. and local department store buyers. Several national agencies were also contacted. They all expressed

an interest in the problem but had no definite information on promoting better labeling. At the leader training meeting the agents discussed the things to look for on a label and common finishing terms and trademarks on clothing labels. A local leader discussed current legislation on labeling and the Standards set up by the American Standards Association. A filmstrip, "What is Your Shopping Score", prepared by the Household Finance Corporation was shown at the training meeting and at local club meetings. It contained some good information on labeling. The agents also made a result demonstration on washing and tumble drying cotton knit shirts to show the value of studying labels. These were shown and discussed at club meetings. Three shirts of the same size were selected for the demonstrations. One had no label except a size tag, another at the same price had a sticker with fair information and another at a higher price had a good label with the finish backed by the American Institute of Laundering. The shirts were washed and dried 3 times with results as anticipated. Those without good labels had shrunk a great deal in length and width. The one with a good label did not shrink noticeably. The women showed a real interest in the lesson and were definitely made more aware of the value of looking for and studying labels before making purchases.

3. Millinery

The lesson on choosing becoming hats and renovating old hats was given by the clothing specialist and presented to the leaders at a later time. Leaflets prepared by the clothing specialist were given to the members, who were generally interested in the information about cleaning and caring for hats but did not follow through with many workshops to restyle or change hat trims. As far as the agent could determine, interest was at a very high peak about 4 years ago when the training for hat making was emphasized, but the same level of interest did not exist

this fall when a similar program was undertaken.

3. Foods

A portion of the foods program for the year was planned to help the housewife prepare for special family days through learning more about festive refreshments. The special family meals with regard to low and high calorie diets was another important part of the foods program.

Leaders were trained by the foods specialist to present the April lesson on Cake Decorating. Various types of frostings were made and discussed and simple and elaborate decorating techniques shown. The training meeting included a workshop period and many leaders arranged for this in club meetings as well. Many of the women were disappointed that they did not learn more special techniques at the training meeting, not realizing that this takes a great deal of time and practice. Those who had developed skill were very generous in helping others at local club meetings. Many of the leaders became interested enough to practice and become skilled themselves. The lesson was a popular one and did meet a need for many Arlington members. More emphasis might have been given to developing good design in cake decorating. The use of flower decorations is often overdone.

Leaders were trained by the foods specialist to present the October meeting on calorie count meals. Two meals were demonstrated showing various ways to decrease or increase caloric value. Broiling techniques were emphasized as an excellent way of preparing low calorie foods. Broiling charts were available to all members.

Although the 1956 program included a plan for organizing TOPS here in Arlington the October calorie lesson stimulated interest and two groups were organized with specialist assistance in November. 45 members have responded and joined the group. This program promises to be an active one with many result demonstrators.

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A. Home Management

Although the goal for the year, "Art In Daily Living", does not fall completely under home management, this seems the best area to discuss it. After the interest in the topic of "Family Life" last year, the plans were to follow through with similar types of discussions.

A county Federation goal chairman, Kay Morhard, was selected to plan and outline goal discussions and activities during the year, with the help of the agent and club goal chairmen.

Three meetings were held during the year for goal chairmen.

Club activities for each month were planned at these meetings. In addition supplementary material was prepared for club goal chairmen and /or members each month. This included special information about work simplification, definitions of homemangement, use of gadgets, and diagrams of decision making. Quizes for personal evaluation in many of these areas were handed out to all members.

Although the subject is abstract and difficult to discuss the club chairmen have done a fine job with the 10 minute discussions at club meetings. The discussions of individual and family values, goals and standards were very interesting and challenging. The relation of good home management to gracious living was also developed and discussed. Many of the women have commented that the goal discussions have been very helpful to them.

The special interest meeting on Good Kitchen Arrangement, which was to follow Improving Storage Areas, has been postponed until later in the winter.

5. Housing

Making the home a more pleasant place to live through improving storage areas was the program for one meeting. This lesson was designed to

illustrate how improved storage areas make housekeeping easier, possessions last longer and save time and energy.

Improving Storage Areas was presented by the agent at the November club meetings. Some information was acquired from local sources and an outline suggested by the housing specialist was followed. In addition slides, posters, and leaflets illustrating new storage ideas were shown to each group. This program topic was of general interest to all and will stimulate many to improve their present storage conditions with simple additions or changes.

B. Home Demonstration Club Community Work

Arlington County Home Demonstration Club work cooperates with many other groups in the county both in advisory capacity and as a participant. They support and help carry out the 4-H program.

Representatives from Home Demonstration along with the agent are members of the School Lunch Advisory Board set up under the county School Board. Other members act in a similar capacity on the Hecht Consumer Advisory Board.

Home Demonstration was represented at the planning meetings for the annual Fire Prevention Week observances and was recognized as a cooperating group. They also have a county representative at the Civil Defense meetings, who in turn has stimulated quite a lot of interest and member participation in the program offered by the county.

Upon recommendation from a newly formed 4-H advisory committee, the county Home Demonstration committee has asked each club to contribute one dollar or more to a 4-H fund for purchasing pins and awards for members and leaders. This will help encourage project completion and adult leadership.

A new edition of the Home Demonstration "Welcome Wagon" was prepared and printed this year as a means of publicizing Extension work in the county. Plans are underway to make further improvements in the leaflet for the coming year.

One of the major county wide accomplishments of the year was Achievement Day held in October. Mt. Olivet Methodist Church was used giving more space than in previous years and the general plan was changed considerably over past years. The program consisted of both afternoon and evening sessions attended by approximately 450 persons. Sixteen exhibits were put up in the morning and made a fine showing. All of the exhibits required a great deal of planning and preparation and were very educational.

The country store replaced the usual cookie sale and was very successful. Foods and house plants were sold for the most part.

For the afternoon program, the agent gave her IFYE talk and slides of Sweden. In the evening Dr. Schellenberg of National Archives talked of his trip to Australia. Many families came for the evening program and the agent feels that this venture was a definite step toward making Home Demonstration more of a family affair.

VII. 4-H Club Work

A. Project Work

In Arlington County, 4-H Club work has been organized on a community basis with the majority of activity during the summer months, which are concluded with a county Exhibit Day. Expanding the program seems to be one of the most difficult steps. For the most part, the groups are organized in neighborhood groups.

1. Food and Nutrition

The Bon Air Club enrolled in "Food Preparation" at the begin-

ning of the summer and accomplished quite a lot by the end of the summer. A few lunch boxes and cookies were shown at the Exhibit Days. There was a lot of interest in this project and the leaders were excellent, but unable to continue through the winter so foods was discontinued for the time being.

2. Clothing

All six of the clubs carried and completed project work on either "So You'd Like To Sew" or Make or Remake" during the winter and summer. Some of these garments were included in the 4-H exhibit at the Clarendon Trust Company in May.

Following the same plan as last year, the younger girls (7 and 8) were enrolled and required extra help. Much of the work had to be adapted for them and in some instances they tended to hold the older girls back. Perhaps the wiser plan would be to exclude those under 8 years of age.

Even though many who enrolled the first part of the summer dropped out, those who attended regularly had an excellent project completion record.

By all indications, the standard of work improved over last year.

B. Other Activities

In February Martha Ann Dodge, 1954 clothing and dress review winner, participated in the area contest at Culpeper. She received a blue ribbon in Dress Review.

Arlington County was represented for the first time at 4-H Short Course by Martha Dodge and Martha McLaney. Expenses for one participant were made available by a local person interested in 4-H. The girls gained

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a great deal from the experience and Arlington hopes to have representatives as well as participants in future years.

For the first time, Arlington participated in the Jamestown 4-H camp with Fairfax and Prince William. The agents helped plan and organize the camp. Five girls attended from Arlington.

More events such as these will help members to see the broader scope of 4-H club work and should help to stimulate the program in Arlington.

The annual 4-H Exhibit Days were held in the lounge of Kann's Department store and turned out quite successful. A large number of projects were entered with approximately 55 girls and 12 adult leaders participating. Mrs. Dorothy Teates, Loudoun County HDA, and Mrs. Betty Howell, Home Economist, Fairfax, judged all projects and awarded standard 4-H ribbons to each entry. Approximately 450 people visited the exhibits with about 300 in attendance at the style show. Kann's presented prizes to top winners. Project completion pins were also awarded. The agent recommends that these pins be awarded in coming years.

VIII. Young Men and Young Women's Work

The Extension program in Arlington County does not have a special program for young men and women. Approximately 50 young women are participating actively in the regular Home Demonstration program.

IX. Scope of Work

Scope of Work

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
No. HD Clubs or Groups	20	20	20	19	19
Membership	414	427	450	435	468
No. 4-H Clubs	4	3	2	7	6
Membership	39	32	25	82	75
No. other families reached	1780	2237	2418	2268	2275
No. of different families reached	2780	2260	2893	2785	2810
No. of community clubs					
Membership					

B. Home Demonstration Publicity

Progress toward improving publicity is slow because of the difficulty of getting articles in metropolitan newspapers. The local newspaper is cooperative but does not have a large circulation. Publicity on the District Federation meeting was helpful in giving more publicity to Home Demonstration. One of the biggest items of publicity during the year was the full page Salute to Home Demonstration in the local paper made possible by Hecht Co. This came out in October on Achievement Day.

Two television appearances were arranged on an afternoon womens show which has a good audience and afforded an excellent publicity means. The agent gave two 5 minute radio programs weekly on a local station from December through May. However the time and arrangement of these programs were not satisfactory so the county committee recommended they be discontinued until a better program arrangement can be made.

A special exhibit of the 1955 Home Demonstration program was arranged and displayed at a local bank during the month of January. Both the HDC and 4-H Club exhibits attracted good attention and were helpful in publicizing the program.

Approximately 350 "Welcome Wagon" leaflets are distributed each month.

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I. Organizations

A. County Home Demonstration Committee

The County Home Demonstration Committee made up of County officers, chairmen and club presidents, held regular meetings in December, February, April, June and September and an additional one in March for organization plans for the District Federation meeting.

The December meeting was the first for the newly elected club presidents. About half of the committee changes each year. As a special feature Mrs. J. P. Schaezner, a past county president, discussed parliamentary procedure for Home Demonstration club meetings. Illustrated leaflets on the subject were available to club presidents.

The February meeting was held at the home of Mrs. T. R. Schellenberg, county chairman. After the regular business meeting Mrs. Schellenberg gave a very interesting talk about her recent stay in Australia and trip around the world. Her contact with the Australia Country women organization was most interesting.

Club objectives chairmen attended the April meeting, where county objectives for 1955 were discussed.

The meeting planned for June was held on May 26, with program development leaders participating in the annual program planning meeting. New county officers for 1955-57 were elected at this meeting. They are Mrs. K. J. Nicholson, Chairman; Mrs. J. M. Cole, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Hugh Johnson, Secretary and Mrs. M. S. Wehrly, treasurer.

A new plan was tried for the program planning session. The general discussion of problems and program suggestions was held at this half day meeting. Smaller committee meetings for program calendar, Federation Goal, and County Objectives were held at a later date.

Program development leaders had been trained and individual questionnaires filled out by members so it was possible to get a good summary of problems and interests at the planning meeting.

The program calendar committee met early in June and arranged the program for 1955-1956. The County Objectives and Federation Goal meetings were held in September and October and time permitted the groups to carefully consider and plan for the coming year by having two meetings rather than one full day as done the year before.

A yearbook chairman was appointed and the committee did much of the work on the yearbook which will be distributed at the December club meetings. No advertisements were sold this year, since the Arlington County Board has appropriated money for printing them. Funds are also available to get the Welcome Wagon leaflet printed by the county.

Six H. D. members attended Rural Institute at V.P.I. as county or club representatives. They visited all clubs telling of their experiences which is hoped to motivate the other clubs to send someone next year.

G. Other 4-H Advisory Board

A special meeting for 4-H leaders and parents was held in April with Dr. Skelton and Evelyn Barker explaining the total 4-H club program to them. About 20 women attended and were very interested in promoting a broader 4-H program in Arlington. As a result of this meeting a 4-H Advisory Committee was appointed. They met to discuss organization of a summer program and plan special events. It was decided to ask the Home Demonstration clubs for contributions to a 4-H fund and use the money to award pins to members for project completion and to adult leaders. One of the members offered to finance a trip to 4-H Short Course this year.

One member of this group represents 4-H at the bi-monthly Home Demonstration county committee meeting.

XI. Leadership

A. Contributions of the following volunteer leaders to the program.

1. Organizational

All of the Home Demonstration clubs in Arlington have had full slates of officers who have carried out their responsibilities very well. The extra activities included in the county programs have added to these responsibilities. Their success indicates good leadership and participation.

Club presidents have been interested and active participants in the bi-monthly meetings of the Home Demonstration County Committee.

Objective chairmen and Program Development Chairmen have held several county committee meetings to plan and carry out their particular responsibilities.

Because of the good organizational leadership the agent has attended fewer local club meetings and spent more time on special interest meetings and the 4-H club program.

2. Program Development

Program Development leaders have done an effective job of leading club discussions and representing their clubs at the program planning meeting. In many clubs former club presidents have taken this responsibility since they know the club group very well.

A training meeting was held in March and a questionnaire was planned for distribution to all club members. After a good return on these questionnaires, the information was tabulated and returned to the chairmen, to aid in further club discussions. The information was also used to good advantage at Program Planning Day to guide the leaders in planning another

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fine program for 1956. All 18 active clubs participated in the planning meeting and subsequent meetings on Federation Goal and County Objectives.

In many clubs the program development leaders have taken complete responsibility for arranging club choice programs. This will continue to be encouraged.

3. Subject Matter

Voluntary subject matter leaders are largely responsible for the success of the Home Demonstration program in Arlington. Clubs in this area are fortunate in having many well trained and capable women who contribute a great deal to their club programs.

Eight lessons and four special interest topics were presented entirely by leaders during the year. In addition several clubs arranged and held their own special interest meetings on arts and crafts. There were approximately 251 women serving as subject matter leaders. Many of these women have shared information gained by giving programs for other club groups.

In this area there are many people in commercial fields who are willing to cooperate in presenting subject matter to club and county groups. This contributes to the total program in many ways.

B. Growth of Leadership

HD Club Project Leadership	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
No. project leaders (subject matter)	170	168	224	188	251
No. goal chairmen	18	19	19	18	18
No. Program development leaders				18	18
No. result demonstrators				14	9
No. training meetings by specialists	3	4	10	6	6
by district agents					1
by agent	11	16	7	4	17
Attendance at all training meetings	389	327	417	335	369
No. meetings without an agent	104	144	218	170	212
No. meetings leaders assisted		26	72		17
Demonstrations by leaders				141	135
Talks and discussions by leaders				216	327

Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
No. club officers				16	14
No. adult project leaders	7	7	8	15	12
No. result demonstrations					
No. training meetings held by specialists	1				
by agent	9	3	5	2	
by district agent					
by member club dept.					1
by others					
Total attendance at leader training meetings	3	7	12	12	
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	4	4	2	14	6
No. club meetings held by leader without agent	17	24	8	42	28
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	25	26	31	47	32
No. demonstrations given by adult leaders	17	28	26	40	25
by junior leaders					12

C. Activities and Accomplishments of an outstanding leader

Mrs. T. R. Schellenberg did a fine job in her post as county chairman. She was absent part of the term, but upon returning quickly assumed the responsibilities of the position.

Mrs. Schellenberg has been past president of her club and served on the county committee as publicity chairman. She has done an outstanding job in all of these areas.

Mrs. Schellenberg is active in county affairs and has represented Home Demonstration on the Hecht Consumer Advisory Board, Fire Prevention Week and in many other county areas.

While in Australia with her husband, Mrs. Schellenberg visited with groups similar to our H. D. clubs. She brought back many of these experiences and shared them with club members and friends.

Perhaps most of all, Mrs. Schellenberg has helped the various county committee members to become better acquainted through informal meetings in her home. Each year the officers, Cherrydale club members and their families are invited to the Schellenberg farm for an August picnic.

Mrs. Schellenberg will be serving as Program Development leader for the next two years.

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D. Activities and Accomplishments of an outstanding family

Mrs. K. J. Nicholson and her daughter have participated actively in Extension activities in Arlington.

Mrs. Nicholson has been active in Home Demonstration for the past five years and is the newly elected county chairman. She served as secretary for two years and assumes part of the leadership responsibility in her club.

Mrs. Nicholson is very interested in the 4-H program and has established a 4-H county representative to H. D. committee to bring closer cooperation between the two.

Barbara has done excellent work in her summer club and is continuing in the winter club. She has assumed many leadership responsibilities and may be one of our future area representatives. She has lots of ability to do things and 4-H is a good outlet and area where she will achieve much.

E. Activities and Outstanding Accomplishments of a club.

It is difficult to single out an outstanding Home Demonstration club in Arlington. Several have had very fine programs this year.

The Overlee Knolls Club was one of the first clubs in the county and has always been very active with several of their members serving in county positions.

They have done a lot of work with flowers this past year and provided all the corsages for the District VIII Federation meeting in Arlington last spring.

The Overlee Knolls exhibit on corsages at Achievement day was excellent. In preparation for the exhibit the club members met for three night meetings to learn to make corsages. The cooperation among the club members was excellent, for nearly all of them turned out to the meetings and helped in the exhibit. They had one of the few working exhibits and

one of the most attractive and educational at Achievement Day.

F. In Arlington, 4-H has been given special emphasis the last two years. At the conclusion of the 1954 summer program, a three day exhibit was held with all project work put on display and judged. A style show concluded the affair. The same type of Exhibit Days was held this year and stimulated a lot of interest and enthusiasm in the program. Although the actual enrollment in the community 4-H clubs has not increased, the standard of work and general enthusiasm has. Publicity and leadership are general problems.

Participation in the area contest, 4-H Short Course, and Jamestown 4-H Camp have also given the program additional zest.

For the first time, a county wide club has been organized for those outstanding interested members from all of the groups. Emphasis is placed on records and demonstrations in hopes of putting 4-H on a higher level for these older girls.

The girls are learning more about demonstrating, and hope to attend and participate in area contests this spring as junior demonstrators.

As a result of the well organized summer program and exhibit days, Home Demonstration has become more interested in the program and has backed it with financial support.

VII. The Home Demonstration program in Arlington has had another successful year. The interest and participation in the club programs and participation in the club programs and county activities was very good. There were a great many special interest activities as well as extra county events. One of the major events was the annual District VIII Federation meeting held in Arlington which was organized and managed very effectively.

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Since the clubs are not necessarily organized on a community basis and Arlington has grown at such a rapid pace, there is comparatively little community spirit or feeling as such. Most activities are directed to the county as a whole, or else community measures are handled by P.T.A.'s, Civic Groups, Womens Clubs or Church organizations. For this reason the major emphasis in the H. D. program has been directed to Extension Activities; programs and subject matter rather than community activities. More club time is devoted to the program than in many areas.

In this respect the program is strengthened for our major aim is education.

There are still hundreds of women in Arlington who could benefit greatly from participation in the Home Demonstration program. Publicity continues to be a major problem.