

# ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT

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#### Highlights of the 1959 Program

The overall extension program for 1959 proved to have been favorable. Much of this success was due to the interest and cooperation of local leaders.

Some of the activities that helped make this year successful were 380 farm and home visits, 304 office calls, 324 telephone calls, 41 radio broadcasts, 24 news articles published, 681 bulletins distributed, 55 4-H meetings, 100 adult meetings held during 251 work days.

There has been one new club organized making a total of 10 clubs with an enrollment of 205. Twenty-seven H. D. and 4-H members displayed exhibits at the South Central Fair in Chase City winning \$119.50 in prizes. Thirty-three ladies attended the District H. D. meeting in Lawrenceville, Virginia. Approximately 110 members attended the annual Kitchen Tour in the county, \$50.00 was presented to the Negro Baptist Children's Home from the H. D. clubs and several conferences were attended by H. D. members.

#### COUNTY SITUATION

Lunenburg County, which is also called the Free State is located in the Southern Piedmont District of Virginia with a population of 14,116. The county seat, also called Lunenburg, is centrally located.

This southern Virginia County, which has a land area of 443 square miles of 283,520 acres lies in the piedmont Province where the land is rolling and slopes gradually toward southeast. More than two thirds of the area is in forest, and sawmilling is an important activity in the county. Mineral resources include granite and brick clay.

Lunenburg is primarily an agricultural county. Although there has been noticeable growth in manufacturing during the past decade, farming is still the chief business of the majority of its people. Only one-fifth of its farms are operated on a part-time or residential basis, and for four-fifths of the operators, farming is the principal livelihood. According to the 1954 census of agriculture, there are 1,846 farms of which 823 are classified as non-white. Field crops, of which tobacco is by far the most important, produce the greater part of all farm income. At Kenbridge there is a regular tobacco market with four warehouses. Over 100 ladies are employed in these warehouses. Saw Mills are scattered over the county. Most of the other manufacturing establishments are found in Victoria and Kenbridge, since they are the two corporated towns in Lunenburg with a population slightly less than 3,000.

Manufactured products, lumber, millwork, box shooks, holsery, hickory tool handles, shoe and grain-mill products are among the chief industries.

The Southside Regional Library at Boydton serves Lunenburg as well as Mecklenburg County and has branches at Victoria and Kenbridge. Lunenburg has a unique privately endowed health service which provides nursing services and health education and training throughout the county.

Since this county has no large urban centers, recreational activities are in general promoted by the one combined high and elementary school and five two room schools, churches, (2 Methodists, 2 Presbyterians and 26 Baptists) 4-H clubs and various civic and social organizations. The people in this county have easy access of two State Parks. Both of these provide swimming, boating, fishing, over-night cabins, and picnic recreational facilities. About 10 % homes have telephones in the county, but each year the number is increasing.

There are eight 4-H clubs with 96 boys and 143 girls participating. These members are enrolled in crop, livestock and home-making projects.

## II. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - Adult

### A. Organization

#### 1. County Agricultural Extension Service Board

The County Agricultural Extension Service Board is composed of representatives from each church, principals of elementary and high schools, home demonstration committee, 4-H Junior Council, Community Improvement club, Agronomy Committee, Forestry Committee, ministers, honorary members and special interest committees.

This Board met four times during the year to plan a program for the new year, appoint committees, plan for the South Central Fair, select delegates to attend State Advisory Board meeting, Farm and Home Week, State Awards program and summarize years work.

Among the activities planned the beginning of the year, eight were successfully completed. They included: (1) six members attended the Outstanding Farm Family Award's program in Greenville County; (2) four delegates attended the Farm and Home Week Conference at Virginia State College; (3) two delegates attended the State Advisory Board meeting in Charles City and New Kent Counties; (4) Mr. James Dirwiddie, District representative from Lynchburg, Va. conducted a discussion on Farm Social Security; (5) a second meeting conducted by Mr. W. J. Nuckols on Wills and Deeds; (6) ninety-six different members participated in the South Central Fair in Chase City, Virginia; (7) several rural ministers attended a special conference at Virginia State College; (8) extension work was strengthened through board publicity.

## 2. County Home Demonstration Club Committee

The Home Demonstration Club Committee is composed of twenty people. There are two representatives from each home demonstration club, and two representatives from the County Advisory Board. This club met three times this year to make a plan of work for the new year, plan National Home Demonstration Week celebration, plan for county kitchen tour, plan for participation in the South Central Fair, plan for awards for Achievement Day, select a committee project, plan an educational trip and summarize work for 1959. All of the objectives were successfully completed.

### B. Subject Matter and Special Emphasis Areas

#### 1. Clothing

Clothing was the project conducted for the first three months of the year. This project was selected because members requested an interest to learn fundamental techniques in sewing. Attempts were made to teach how to select patterns, materials, fitting, placing and cutting a pattern and finishes for garments. (hems, zippers, buttons and plackets) Each H.D. member was requested to make at least one house dress from instructions from meetings. Clothing leaders did much to make this project successful after training meetings, bulletins and much experience. The results were recognized when 128 dresses were reported completed. An H.D. "Dress Review" was held to show the public the result of a three months clothing project. A total of 96 dresses were modeled on that night.

Because of this clothing project approximately 103 garments have been made by members.

## 2. Home Improvement

The home improvement project, which included correct lighting for the home and making lamp shades was conducted in March and April. A leader-training meeting was held on making lampshades by Miss J. A. Peel, Local Home Agent, Charlotte County.

This project was selected because members felt that the lighting situation in the average home was not good, especially in rooms where children did studying. Members were taught the types of bulbs that should be used, lights and distances for reading and working and how to cover old lampshade frames.

Trained leaders conducted the lampshade demonstrations in ten clubs. Leaders were also responsible for ordering all materials for the club members. During the ten meetings, 87 lampshades were completed.

This project has helped members improve the lighting conditions for studying, working areas, entrances and outside.

## 3. Foods and Nutrition

Much interest was shown to learn more about jellies and jams, freezing and canning vegetables. This project was conducted in May, June and July.

Attempts were made to teach members the characteristics of a good jelly and jam, containers used in freezing and how to prepare vegetables for freezing and canning.

Members were requested to purchase and use many saving devices in these projects.

The total success of this project was due to the cooperation of leader participation. Teaching materials included leader-

training meetings, method demonstrations, bulletins on Jellies and Jams, Freezing Vegetables, Canning Vegetables, different kinds and sizes of freezing containers, and utensils used in preparing vegetables for canning. All of the containers used were borrowed from one of the local hardwares in the county.

The result of this project was noticed when members displayed their jellies, jams and canned vegetables in competition with three other counties at the South Central Fair.

#### 4. Home Ground Beautification

The objectives of the home ground beautification project in September were to teach members how the ground area should be used and what should be in each area of home ground. This project was selected by members because of the lack of information for arranging the home ground correctly.

Attempts were made to teach members where the driveway, service area and private area should be located and why. Each club selected one member to serve as home ground beautification demonstrator, however, the remaining members were asked to improve their home ground as much as possible.

Several teaching methods were used in this project, but the one that contributed most was a film, "Blind Date". This film was shown six times to approximately 81 home demonstration members. The film was used to add interest and clear points brought out in the discussion. The results of this project will be obtained in 1960.

#### 5. Rural Arts

This line of work was taken because members expressed an

interest to develop technical skill for leather craft. Members also felt that this project would increase the membership of each club.

The objectives of the project were to teach how to select leather for various articles, cut patterns, how to use special leathercraft tools and different types of lacing. Each member made at least one small leather article. A leader-training meeting was conducted by Miss Catherine Perry, Rural Arts Specialist, Blacksburg, Virginia.

Leaders were very eager to teach this project. They were also responsible for ordering all materials for their club.

Several coin purses, hand bags, billfolds, key holders and house shoes have been made by members for gifts and for sale.

#### A Significant Story In One Subject Matter Phase

Each year to determine the accomplishments made among home demonstration members, a check sheet is filled out in the November meeting. This check sheet is found in the back of the county home demonstration yearbook. A total of 45 sheets were turned in. The following list will indicate the results from the returns:

- 482 times H.D. information was shared with others.
- 48 visitors attended H.D. meetings
- 103 garments were made
- 20 different vegetables grown for the first time
- 55 different meals prepared for the first time
- 1,173 pounds of meat frozen
- 719 pounds of vegetables frozen
- 104 quarts of meat canned

- 5,090 quarts of vegetables canned
- 11 slip covers were made
- 6 bedspreads were made
- 32 lamp shades were made
- 10 chairs were reupholstered
- 30 rooms were painted
- 55 leather articles were completed
- 17 members improved home grounds
- 12 members have bathrooms
- 6 members installed running water in kitchen
- 2 installed bathrooms this year
- 25 pieces of electric equipment were purchased
- 24 members had physical examinations
- 23 members had annual chest X-Ray

Among the electric equipment purchased were vacuum cleaners, freezers, refrigerators, irons, hot plates, steam irons, radios, televisions and hot water heaters.

### C. Other Activities

#### 1. Home Demonstration Committee Project

The ten organized home demonstration clubs selected a project of sending gifts to the Negro Children Baptist Home in Petersburg, Virginia. This home was established to provide living conditions for unfortunate Negro children between the ages of three and eighteen. This home is supported by the Baptist Churches and other volunteer organizations.

Among the gifts sent from the home demonstration clubs include:

\$ 50.00 in money, wash cloths, tooth paste, soap, washing powder, dish cloths, towels and toilet supplies.

A special program was presented in the county by several children from this home. The gifts were presented to the children at this program.

## 2. National Home Demonstration Week

Lunenburg County highlighted the Annual Observance of National Home Demonstration Club Week by one radio broadcast with a H.D. member participating, one news article, thirty-three ladies attending the district home demonstration meeting in Lawrenceville, Virginia and a county H. D. Banquet.

On May 5, thirty-three ladies from the nine organized clubs travelled to Lawrenceville in cars to attend the district meeting. Accomplishments of the county for the last ten years were the main features of the district meeting.

Approximately 290 members and friends attended a county-wide H.D. Banquet on May 6 at the Lunenburg Elementary School. Miss M. L. Moody, Local Home Agent, Prince Edward County, was the speaker for the occasion. A progress report of accomplishments was another feature of the program. Guest from four adjoining counties were present.

Mrs. Carrie Benjamin, member of the Camp H. D. Club was guest speaker on Radio Station WJMS, South Hill, Virginia on May 7, 1959. This speaker included the objectives and activities carried on in the county.

A news article was published in the Kenbridge-Victoria Dispatch, county newspaper, summarizing the observance of National

H. D. Club Week celebration.

One home demonstration club was organized which was the result of National H.D. Club Week celebration. This made a total of ten clubs in the county.

### 3. Achievement Programs

The Achievement Day program was a joint affair celebrated on November 21, 1959 at 12:30 p.m. in the Lunenburg Elementary School Auditorium. This day was celebrated to give progress reports from 4-H, H.D. Farmers and Community Clubs. Mrs. Viola Hardy took charge of the H.D. reports.

Many home demonstration members were awarded prizes and certificates for outstanding work accomplished during the year.

More complete report is given in the 4-H achievement accomplishments on page 16.

### 4. Fair

For the first time, leaders, H.D. and 4-H members of Lunenburg had the opportunity to participate in a fair. Much interest was shown in the South Central Fair in Chase City, October 12-19, 1959.

Forty-six individuals prepared articles for general exhibits in addition to six educational booths. General exhibits winners received a total of fifty ribbons (24 first, 21 second and 5 third). Four of the booths were blue ribbon winners and one placed third. Cash prizes for booth and general exhibits amounted to \$190.00.

Among the articles winning ribbons and cash prizes were canned foods, crocheted, knitted and embroidered articles, flowers, general sewing, homemade soap and candy, eggs, homemade lamps, record books and pastries.

#### 5. Tours

Two tours were conducted for home demonstration club members.

The talk of the county on Friday, June 19, 1959 was about three modern and attractive kitchens. The H.D. Kitchen Tour began at 9:00 a.m. A kitchen from Victoria Sunshine, Bethary and Rehoboth Clubs were toured. Among improvements made in these kitchens included:

1. Enlarged kitchen
2. Installed hot and cold water in kitchen
3. Painted kitchen
4. New floor coverings
5. Made new kitchen curtains
6. Arranged kitchen equipment
7. Provided for more storage in kitchen
8. Purchased working stools.

The Rehoboth H.D. Club served as hostess on that date. Dinner for out-of-county and county guest was prepared by that club.

The tour ended around 2:00 p.m. Approximately 110 members and friends made this annual tour successful.

#### H. D. Tour to Luray Caverns

A group of 35 ladies chartered a bus to Skyline Drive and Luray Caverns on September 19, 1959.

Each year in the plan of work, some form of recreation is scheduled. Comments proved the trip was enjoyed by all.

#### D. Urban Work

Lunenburg is strictly a rural area, therefore no procedures were used for carrying out programs with urban families.

### E. Farm and Home Development

The McCoy Ghee family, Route 2, Kenbridge, Virginia is the only one of the two families in the Farm and Home Development program that has made mentionable progress.

This report is a summary of the homestead of this family. The farm side is stated in the narrative report of Local Farm Agent, M. C. Harding.

There are four members of this family. McCoy 33, Nannie 30, Vernon 5, and Veronica 2 years. Both parents are graduates from high school and members of the Bethany Baptist Church in that community. Mrs. Ghee is Vice-president of the Bethany Home Demonstration Club. This club has stimulated Mrs. Ghee to take much interest in sewing for the family. Each year the number of garments made by Mrs. Ghee increases.

In February of this year, this family set up some short time goals. These goals included:

1. To complete front and side porch and steps
2. To install running water in the kitchen
3. To complete upstairs bedroom
4. To establish \$100.00 savings account

Among the above four objectives, two were successfully completed. The family installed water in the kitchen in May. The front and side porches and steps were completed in July. Other improvements made by this family include a new refrigerator, new floor covering in the kitchen, new draperies, added shrubbery to the front lawn and kept complete records on farm and home expenses.

Some of this family's long time goals include:

1. To complete landscaping between 1959 and 1962
2. To install central heating system by 1962

To increase the family's income, Mr. Ghee drives a county school bus and does electric wiring, along with farming.

News articles, radio broadcasts and discussions at community club meetings were used to inform the public of progress made by this Farm and Home Development family.

### III. County Extension Program - Youth

#### A. Organization

Lunenburg 4-H club work is set up on the standard pattern for the state, having a Junior Council leading the local clubs and a supervising council of adult leaders. Each club organized and elected officers, made its plan of work and a suggested list of goals.

Our goals are to promote a strong 4-H program for the youth of the county. To provide the opportunity to develop into more desirable citizens by participating in 4-H activities. All clubs are reorganized and officers elected in September each year. The Junior Council met three times this year to make plans to train 4-H officers, plans for National 4-H Week celebration and select delegates to attend 4-H conferences. There are eight 4-H clubs with 96 boys and 143 girls enrolled.

#### B. 4-H Project Work

##### 1. Room Improvement

There were 60 girls enrolled in "Your Room, Pep It Up" project.

Of this group 33 completed this project.

Members were taught to draw a diagram of the room, furniture arrangement, how to make a bed correctly, care of the room, how to cover old lamp frames, how to make laundry and shoe bags.

Shoe bags and laundry bags were in competition with 4-H girls from three other counties in the South Central Fair. Bertha Postell won second place on a shoe and a laundry bag. Carolyn Harding won third place on a laundry bag. Other bags were on exhibition.

Methods used to conduct this project included charts, bulletins, leader-training meetings, group discussions, home visits, and exhibits.

Many of the older girls have enrolled in this project for 1960. First, second and third prizes were given to girls who did outstanding work in their projects. These members were Karolyn Maddox, Mary Hopson and Carolyn Harding.

## 2. Home Management

There were 73 girls enrolled in "Housekeeping". Of that number 30 girls completed their project.

Members were taught how to wash dishes correctly, care of the stove, care of the refrigerator, and how to set a table correctly. Most of the younger members selected this project. Each member was asked to purchase a permanent record book to keep all 4-H materials. These books were displayed at the South Central Fair and the County Annual Achievement Day program. Christine Freeman won second place on record book at achievement program and third place at the fair. Edith King received first place at Achievement program and Shirley

Smithson was awarded third place.

Methods used to conduct this project include bulletins, charts, leader-training meetings, home visits, group discussions and exhibits.

### C. Other Activities

#### 1. Rural Life Sunday

Rural Life Sunday was celebrated on Sunday, May 17, 1959 at the Pleasant Oak Baptist Church, Victoria, Virginia, at 3:00 p.m.

This program was conducted by all 4-H members. After the devotions, a short skit on "What Our Church Can Mean To Us" was presented by six members.

The speaker for the occasion was John Taylor, a native of the county, a former 4-H club member and a student at Virginia State College. The speaker was a challenge to all present 4-H members. Members were impressed with what 4-H club had meant to the speaker.

This program gave members from the eight organized clubs an opportunity to worship and participate on program as a county-wide group.

Members and leaders of the Victoria 4-H club decorated the church and served as ushers. Approximately 150 4-H members, parents, and friends made this Sunday a success.

#### 2. Achievement Day

Achievement Day program was held November 21, 1959 in the Lunenburg Elementary School Auditorium. This was a joint affair with the 4-H, Farmers and Home Demonstration clubs. Theme of the program was: "Improving Family and Community Living With Awards."

Highlights of the program included progress reports from 4-H, H.D., and farm activities, five and ten year certificates to 4-H leaders, medals to outstanding 4-H members, prizes of best 4-H club record books, gold cup to best club of the year, prizes from fair exhibits, and water contest. The King and Queen Contest climaxed the program. Door prizes were also given out.

Approximately 125 people attended this activity.

### 3. Fair - South Central

This was the first time that 4-H members had the opportunity to participate in a fair.

Ten girls displayed the following articles: shoe bags, skirt, laundry bags, aprons, cookies, biscuits, record books, homemade lamp, and canned fruit. Seven of the ten girls won prizes amounting to \$9.92.

### 4. King and Queen Contest

Each year the 4-H clubs sponsor a 4-H King and Queen Contest. Each club selected a King and Queen. Club members, leaders, parents, and Home Demonstration members helped the boy and girl in their particular community.

The King and Queen bringing the largest sum of money on Achievement Day is crowned Lunenburg County 4-H King and Queen. The Teen-Age 4-H Club turned in \$30.85. The Queen was Edith King and King was Stanley Lambert. The total amount from the contest was \$93.53.

### 5. National 4-H Club Week

Approximately 250 4-H members, parents and friends took a short

and interesting trip to Brazil as Miss Doris Smith, 1958 International Farm Youth Exchange delegate, related her experience while in Brazil. In Miss Smith's presentation, slides, souvenirs and songs were discussed.

Other highlights of the program included a \$100.00 scholarship presented to a former 4-H club member, Mary Sue Fowlkes, who is now attending Virginia State College. Special awards were presented by Mr. Ross W. Newsome to seven 4-H club members. One 4-H member was guest speaker on a five minute radio broadcast and one newspaper article was published in honor of National 4-H Club Week.

#### 6. 4-H Club Conferences

There were five girls to attend the 4-H club Short Course at Virginia State College in June. They were Hazel Jennings, Mary Sue Fowlkes, Thelma Benjamin, Ann Watkins, Burnerline Hurt and Miss C. A. Billups as leader. These members attended classes on careers for the future, junior leadership, child care, public speaking, music appreciation and adult leadership.

Two girls attended the 4-H Wildlife Conference at Virginia State College in August. They were Bertha Postell and Charlotte Lambert.

#### 7. 4-H Club Picnic

Approximately 85 4-H club members attended the Annual 4-H picnic held at Prince Edward State Park in Prince Edward County. Two rented trucks were used to carry the members. This activity provided dancing, swimming, games and picnic area. Some activity of this type is planned for 4-H member each year. Comments from

the group were favorable.

#### IV. Scope of Work

A.

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
No. H. D. Clubs		4	9	9	10
Membership		48	145	186	209
No. H.D. Groups (Unorganized)					
Membership					
No. 4-H Clubs		5	5	7	8
Membership		101	91	106	133
No. YMW Clubs					
Membership					
No. Community Clubs			1	1	1
Membership			61	66	66
No. Home Ec. Committees					
No. General Interest Committees					
No. Youth Committees				1	1
No. Other Organizations					
No. Farm & Home Dev. Families			1	1	2
No. Other families reached		15	70	85	95
No. Different families reached		48	145	186	209

#### B. What Has Been Done To Increase Scope Of Work

The two outstanding sources of publicizing home demonstration work are the radio and newspaper.

In Lunenburg and adjacent counties, a five minute radio program is very popular. This program is every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:55 a.m. conducted by the Local Farm and Home Agents on Radio Station WJMS, South Hill, Virginia. By listening to this program many people are reminded of the important meeting dates, tours, trips, programs, etc.

The second source of publicizing home demonstration work is the county newspaper, Kenbridge-Victoria Dispatch, which is published weekly. There is a section entitled, Farm And Home Notes. Pictures and write-ups of progressive farm families, announcements of

meetings and current news are published in this section of the newspaper.

Other ways have been used to publicize home demonstration work, such as circular letters, home visits, group meetings, lectures, panel discussions and individual contacts.

#### V. Leadership

##### A. Growth of Leadership

1. Overall program leaders	1957	1958	1959
a. County Agricultural Extension Service Board	6	14	16
b. Youth Council	21	14	14
c. Home Economic Council	12	20	20

##### 2. Home Demonstration Club Leadership

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
No. Organizational leaders			9	18	20
No. Project leaders (Subject matter)			10	36	40
No. Federation program of work chairmen				1	5
No. Program development leaders			6	9	10
No. result demonstrators				6	6
No. training meetings by specialist			3	4	1
No. training meetings by dist. Agents					
No. training meetings by others			1	1	1
Attendance at all training meetings			66	115	84
No. meetings held without an agent			12	32	35
No. Meetings leaders assisted			26	35	40
Demonstrations by leaders			18	32	22
Talks and discussions by leaders			9	27	25
No. Training meetings by agents			3	4	4

##### 3. 4-H Club Leadership

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
No. Club Officers			30	42	48
No. adult project leaders			10	14	14
No. junior project leaders			3	5	6
No. result demonstrators			3	4	6
No. training meetings by specialists					1
No. training meetings by dist. agents					
No. training meetings by agents			4	6	2
No. training meetings by members club dept.					1
No. trainings meetings by others				1	1
Total attendance at ldr. tr. meetings			61	80	35

	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
No. 4-H leaders trained individually			3	5	8
No. club mtgs. held w/out agent			9	18	20
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted			34	40	55
No. demonstrations given by adult ldrs.			5	12	12
No. demonstrations given by junior leaders				4	8

#### B. Development of Leadership Activities

Leaders played an important role in home demonstration work during the month of July. Ten H. D. Clubs met with a total of fourteen leaders conducting the demonstrations in the absence of the agent. At this time the agent was attending an Extension Summer School.

The demonstrations were on types of containers used for canning and "Tips for Canning". Each leader was given sufficient canning kits for each member at a leader-training meeting. The leaders reported that 92 members attended the meetings and felt that the information was successfully presented.

#### Activities and Accomplishments of an Outstanding Club

The "Busy Hand" home demonstration club in Kenbridge, Virginia is the outstanding club in the county. This club has an enrollment of 30 members. The average attendance at each meeting is around 18. Much success of this club is probably due to the cooperative and active leaders in the club.

Some of the activities this club participated in include:

1. South Central Fair - seven members displayed articles receiving 11 first places, 9 second places and one 3rd place. These prizes totaled \$25.24. This club prepared an exhibit on Metal Etching and won \$5.00 as sixth place.

2. Presented the Negro Baptist Children's Home a donation of \$10.00.
3. Participated in the H. D. Banquet for National H. D. Club Week.
4. Six members attended the District H. D. meeting at James Solomon Russell High School in Lawrenceville, Virginia
5. Four members attended the H.D. trip to Skyline Drive and Luray Caverns.
6. Twenty-three members modeled dresses made by them at the H. D. Dress Review.
7. Participated in the County Kitchen Tour.
8. Leaders were present at all leader-training meetings.

#### VI. For Special Consideration

##### A. One Significant Achievement

The county goal for 1959 was Kitchen Improvement with special emphasis on running water in the kitchen. All H. D. members were asked to get running water in the kitchen or make one step toward that goal. Of course, this would be a long time goal for many. During the January meetings, 16 members reported they were expecting to get running water in the kitchen by the end of the year. When a check was made in November to see how many members accomplished their goal, it was found that 11 members had installed water in the kitchen. They were Mrs. Elizabeth Stokes, Mrs. Louise Reese, Mrs. Thelma Dodson, Mrs. Phency Chapel, Mrs. Nannie Ghee, Mrs. Rosa Hatchett, Mrs. Lonella Maddox, Mrs. Rena Ghee, Mrs. Lavinia Glasgow, Mrs. Grace May and Mrs. Rosa Wilson. Four Bathrooms have been reported completed also. They were Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Mrs. Rosa Hatchett, Mrs. Phency Chapel and Mrs. Louise Reese.

Assistance was given these members during a portion of each

regular club meeting. Instructions were given on drainage system, location for sink, color, styles, faucets and materials of sinks.

#### B. Developing Good Public Relations

Good public relations is being developed in the county with co-workers, general public, and other professional workers by extending an invitation to the public to visit our office for assistance on any phase of home economics and agriculture. This may be done through telephone calls, visits, letters, group discussions and others.

Other co-workers, public and professional workers have cooperated in many ways to make the extension program successful.

Work done by agent with other groups have included work with public school administrators, county workers, such as, health and welfare departments, church officials and any activity that might develop in better community and county relations.

#### C. Professional Improvement

To improve myself professionally, I attended the 1959 three weeks Extension School at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York beginning July 6 to 25th. The two courses I enrolled in were Principles In The Development of Youth Programs and Program Development In Extension Education. Other methods used for improvement include subscriptions for Home Economic Journals, attending training meetings, increased my reading and by discussing different professions with others.

## VII. The Look Ahead

### A. Appraisal Of Year's Program

1959 year's program was considered satisfactory. Much of this was due to the assistance of leaders. All objectives set up at the beginning of the year were successfully accomplished except a special interest meeting was scheduled, but was postpone because of conflict with county nurse schedule, who was to conduct the meeting.

Leaders did much to make meetings interesting and lighten the burden of the agent, which gave more time to plan extension activities.

### B. Suggestions For Improving the Home Economic Extension Program in 1960

1. Contact more adult leaders to assist in the extension program and give more training to leaders.
2. Continue to organize clubs in new areas of the county.
3. Schedule more result demonstrations.
4. Plan more work with Farm & Home Development families.
5. Acquaint more people with the projects and activities sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service.
6. Stress with clubs and families the importance of quality of work instead of quantity.
7. Publicize more extension work through radio, television and newspapers.
8. Help homemakers make the best use of "on hand" products to cut down on family budget.
9. Work on more specific projects in 1960
10. Teach and shift responsibilities to local leaders.