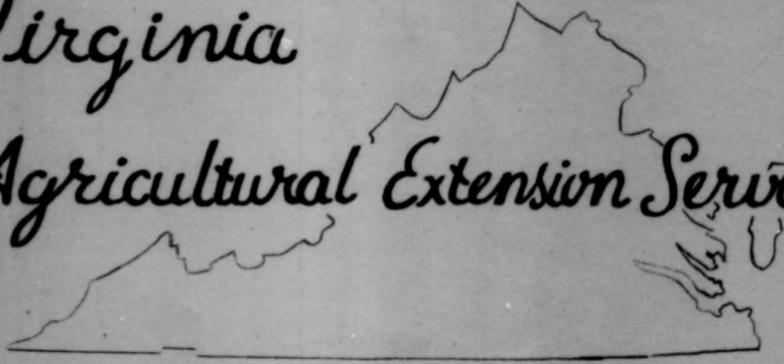


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III.

Sussex County is a rural county with only four small towns. The main sources of income are farm products, lumber and livestock including hogs and cattle. The farm products supplying the largest part of the income are peanuts, corn and soybeans with some tobacco and cotton. The Johns-Manville plant at Jarratt employs several of the county people.

IV.

The federation goal, Art in Daily Living, has created a lot of interest in the county. Fourteen famous paintings have been studied by the club members with the federation goal leader in each club leading the discussion. The County Chairman attended each club meeting in December and introduced the program for the year. The thirteen club chairmen have lead a total of 120 discussions in the clubs. Reproductions of the paintings were available for the club members to take home to their families. Information on the identification of leaves, birds and wild flowers was also presented by these thirteen federation goal leaders. The members and their families were encouraged to make a scrap book covering all phases of Art in Daily Living. Many of these books are in the process of being made. They will be collected at the end of next year and awards will be made for the best scrap book. A long time goal is wise use of leisure time by the appreciation of art.

Some emphasis has been placed on the house furnishings program by the holding of special interest groups. Six group meetings on seating chairs and four group meetings on refinishing furniture were held with a total of 94 county women participating. One house furnishing leader held four group meetings on making lampshades. She helped approximately 30 club members and non-club members make 40 lampshades. This is a step toward meeting one of the long time goals which is work toward keeping the house in good repair. Two months club demonstrations were devoted to selection and making draperies.

V. Adult Work

A. Project Work

1. Foods and Nutrition

Objectives

- (a) To stimulate an interest in the family playing together as well as working together.
- (b) To develop skills and improve techniques.

The demonstrations during April and May were Party Refreshments From the Home Freezer and Outdoor Cooking. The leaders were trained

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by Mrs. Mary Thompson, State Food Specialist. Twenty-four leaders attended this meeting representing twelve clubs. These leaders gave twenty-four demonstrations during April and May. At later club meetings the ideas suggested in these demonstrations were used in the refreshments served. Many club members reported using the Outdoor Cookery ideas for family entertaining.

2. Clothing

Two demonstrations, Restyling of Hats and Cutting Plaids and Nap Materials, were given by the agent at club meetings in September and October.

Objectives

- (a) Develop skills in the construction of garments at home.
- (b) Increase the desire for better constructed garments.

(c) Create becoming garments with small cost. The agent and two leaders were trained by Miss Iva Byrd Johnson, Clothing Specialist, for the demonstration on Restyling Hats. At the club meetings and later 56 hats were restyled using the information presented at the club meetings. Corduroy, velveteen and jersey was used to show the women how to cut garments from these materials. Different kinds of plaids were shown and discussed and a demonstration on cutting a garment from plaids was given. Much interest was shown in this demonstration.

3. House Furnishings

Two months were devoted to the Selection and Making of Draperies. Special interest groups were held on the following topics: Seating Chairs With Cord and Cane and Refinishing Furniture. One month's demonstration was Making Lampshades.

Objectives

- (a) Stimulate a desire to improve family living conditions.
- (b) Develop skills in the selection of color combinations.
- (c) Develop skills in the making of draperies.
- (d) Create interest in the family working together to improve the home.
- (e) Develop skills in the refinishing of furniture, seating chairs and floor sanding.

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The agent gave the demonstration on the selection of draperies. Emphasis was placed on selection of color, texture and design in relation to other furnishings and colors in the room. Samples of materials and illustrations were used in the demonstration. The agent trained the leaders who gave the demonstration on making draperies. Nineteen leaders attended this meeting representing ten clubs. The agent gave demonstrations in the three clubs not represented by leaders.

Six special interest meetings on seating chairs and four special interest meetings on refinishing furniture were held. Fifty-five (55) women attended the meetings on seating chairs and seated 42 chairs with cord and 8 with cane. Thirty-nine (39) women participated in the refinishing furniture clinics. Forty-two (42) pieces of furniture were refinished as a result of these meetings.

No meetings on sanding floors were held. This has been planned as part of next year's program.

The leaders for the demonstration on Making Lampshades were trained by the agent. Fifteen leaders representing eight clubs attended this meeting. The leaders for five clubs not represented at this meeting were trained individually by the agent. These leaders held thirty meetings on making lampshades with a total of 150 lampshades made.

4. Housing

Five result demonstrations in housing were started. Miss Mary Settle, Housing Specialist, visited the families and gave them instructions. No work has been done on either result demonstration but they plan to start next year. Miss Settle also gave help to a family building a new home. The agent made six visits to these homes during the year.

5. Rural Arts

A demonstration on gift wrapping was given by the agent in November. One meeting on etching aluminum trays was held.

Objectives

- (a) Develop pride in making something with the hands.
- (b) Develop skills and improve techniques.
- (c) Create interest in producing something the whole family can enjoy.

Thirteen demonstrations on gift wrapping were given by the agent. These ideas will be used for wrapping Christmas presents at the December meetings. Seven women attended the meeting on etching trays. Thirty-two (32) trays were reported made this year.

Three meetings on making nylon corsages were held in July. Eighty-nine (89) corsages were reported made in the county.

Several of the lampshades made in the county were tinted.

Four special interest meetings on flower arrangement were held. Mrs. E. D. Hayes, a Garden Club Judge, held these meetings. Those attending brought their flowers and a workshop on flower arranging was held. Information and help was given on dried arrangements as well as fresh cut flowers.

B. Other Activities

1. Club in Community Projects

The County Health Nurse visited each home demonstration club and gave them information on the T.B. X-Ray Clinics. On the day of the clinic many clubs went in a group to have the chest X-Rays. 145 club women reported chest X-Rays.

Two clubs helped with the blood mobile when it was in their community. One club was asked by the authorities to take over ground observation of planes for civil defense. This club made a schedule for club members and each member devotes one hour a week to this project.

2. Federation Goal Activities

Each of the thirteen clubs had an Art in Daily Living Chairman which is the Federation Goal. The County Chairman, with suggestions from club members, planned the program for the year. At each monthly club meeting about ten minutes was devoted to the Federation Goal. A famous painting was studied and reproductions were available to all club members. Information on the identification of leaves, buds and wild flowers was also presented by these thirteen federation goal chairmen. The county chairman collected all the information and presented it to the club chairmen. She visited each club in December and introduced the program for the year. Scrap books are being made by club members and their families covering all phases of Art in Daily Living. These scrap books will be judged next fall and awards made to the best in the county. The thirteen club chairmen and county chairman lead 170 discussions during the year.

3. County Objectives

During National Home Demonstration Week three clubs made exhibits of their work to show the community the purpose of Home Demonstration work. Two newspaper articles were written for the local paper about the county program.

4. Result Demonstrations

Two result demonstrations in Housing are being conducted. One is remodeling the home and the other is building a bath room.

VI. 4-H Club Work

A. Project Work

1. Foods

Ten girls in the Senior Club carried a bread project.

Objectives

- (a) To develop skills in making bread.
- (b) To make hot bread for the family at least 35 times during the year.
- (c) Learn the standards for judging breads. Project instruction was given on making cakes, biscuits, rolls, waffles and spoon bread. Three times during the year exhibits of products were made and judged by the club members. Seven of the ten girls completed the project.

2. Clothing

Seventy-one (71) club members carried a clothing project. Thirty-three (33) carried Unit II Make or Remake and thirty-eight (38) carried Unit III So You'd Like to Sew.

Objectives

- (a) Develop skills in the selection and construction of garments.
- (b) Plan a wardrobe which will suit the needs of the girl.
- (c) Develop a feeling of pride in clothing the girl has constructed.
- (d) To develop a desire for a neater and well-dressed person.

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Thirteen of the older club girls kept clothing accounts for nine months. Project instruction was given on the different construction processes. Fifty-seven (57) garments were made, nine (9) remodeled and eighty-four (84) other articles were made.

B. Other Activities

1. Camp

Eight girls from Sussex County attended District 4-H Camp at Virginia Beach for one week. The Agent and one adult attended camp as leaders for the group.

VII. Young Men and Women's Work

There are no organized groups of young men and women in the county. Approximately 54 women between the ages of 18-30 belong to Home Demonstration Clubs. These women take an active part in the club program and serve as leaders for their clubs.

VIII. Scope of Work

	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
No. H. D. Clubs or Groups	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
Membership	254	293	311	304
No. 4-H Clubs	4	5	6	6
Membership	66	89	89	86
No. YMW Groups	0	0	0	0
Membership	0	0	0	0
No. of other families reached	50	67	100	100
No. of different families reached	370	395	550	500
No. community clubs	0	0	0	0
Membership	0	0	0	0

IX.

A. County Board of Agriculture

There is no organized County Board of Agriculture in Sussex County.

B. County Home Demonstration Committee

The Home Demonstration Committee held two meetings and four sub-committee meetings. They made plans for the annual picnic with the Farm Bureau and had charge of the exhibits. They organized the year book and sent it to the printers. They conducted all business on a county level.

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C. County 4-H Project Planning Committee

The 4-H Project Planning Committee is composed of two representatives from each of the six clubs. They held a meeting in the summer and planned the projects for 1952-53.

D. County 4-H Club Council

The Council met and trained the officers of the clubs. They planned programs for the monthly club meetings.

E. County 4-H Honor Clubs

There are no organized 4-H Honor Clubs in the county.

F. County Chapter of 4-H All Stars

The County 4-H All Stars are not organized in a group.

X. Leadership

A. Contribution of Volunteer Leaders to Program

1. Organizational

The club presidents with the county officers held two meetings during the year and planned all county activities. The club officers conduct all club meetings and make reports to the agent. They are responsible for all organizational work in their clubs.

2. Program Development

Each club had a program development leader who was active throughout the year. They helped the club members, decided on the needs in the community and helped plan the program for 1953.

3. Subject Matter

There were 14 Art in Daily Living Chairmen and 105 project leaders in 1952. The art chairmen held a five minute discussion at each club meeting during the year. The County Chairman prepared the material for the discussions and sent it to the club chairmen.

The project leaders gave 50 demonstrations without the help of the agent.

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<u>B. Growth of H. D. Project Leadership</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
No. project leaders (subject matter)	54	33	84	105
No. goal chairmen	14	14	14	14
No. training meetings held by Specialist by Agent	3 0	3 1	5 1	2 2
Attendance at all training meetings	41	52	87	61
No. Club meetings held by leaders without agent present	40	52	86	29
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	10	13	12	13

<u>Growth of L-H Club Project Leadership</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
No. adult project leaders	0	0	0	0
No. junior project leaders	0	0	0	0
No. training meetings held by Specialist by Agent	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Attendance at leader training meetings	0	0	0	0
No. L-H leaders trained individually	0	0	0	0
No. club meetings held by leader without agent present	0	0	0	0
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	24	21	15	0
No. demonstrations given by leaders by adults by juniors	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0

C. Activities of Outstanding Leader

The County Chairman for the Federation Goal, Art in Daily Living, was an outstanding leader in the 1952 club program. With suggestions from the program development leaders she planned the county program for

the year. She attended all of the club meetings in December and introduced the Federation Goal. A famous painting was studied at each club meeting and she ordered the pictures for each club member. She organized the information about the paintings and artists and gave it to the club chairmen. She has written news stories for the local papers about the federation goal work.

XI. Work in Cooperation With Other Agencies

The Home Demonstration Clubs and the Farm Bureau held a joint picnic in August with approximately 350 people attending. The Home Demonstration Clubs had an exhibit of their work. Speakers from each group made short talks. The Farm Bureau members made the Brunswick Stew and the H. D. members prepared the desserts.

The Home Demonstration Clubs worked with the County Health Department in trying to get everyone to have a chest X-Ray. H. D. members placed signs on their cars telling the dates of the clinics and passed out literature to the people in their communities telling of the importance of the chest X-Ray. Club members drove their cars and took people to the clinic who did not have a way.

Two Home Demonstration Clubs have taken over the airplane observation program in their communities for the Civil Defense Authorities.

Several club members have worked at the blood mobile unit when it was in their community.

XII. Appraisal of Year's Work

I believe that the Federation Goal, Art in Daily Living, has helped to stimulate interest in the H. D. Club programs. I have heard many club members say they look forward to this part of the program. The federation goal leaders have done an outstanding job in presenting the program to the clubs.

The project leaders have given 50 demonstrations in club meetings. These leaders gave good demonstrations and did much to strengthen the program. These leaders didn't stop working when the club meeting was over but helped many individuals and groups outside the Home Demonstration Clubs.