

leaders are trained individually, and a larger number of project leaders are appointed from each club, so that at least one out of three will be able to attend training meetings.

Insufficient secretarial assistance is still a problem. This has prevented a number of letters or reports from getting out of the office on time.

In light of the 1958 experiences, we are hoping that next years work can be strengthened by continuing to work on goals not yet attained. Such goals are better 4-H leadership, more county-wide activities and better result demonstrations.

produce better working conditions with in the office for all concerned.

XII. THE LOOK AHEAD-

The 1958 program of work made very definite contributions toward better rural living. It improved the adult and 4-H knowledge of better home making practices. This was done through method and result demonstrations, personal contacts, and group meetings and bulletins. From request sent in to 4-H and H D planning meeting, it is evident that basic needs, general interest, and goals selected did show that the people are eager to see and experience better rural living. Observing the number of improvements made toward convenient and attractive homes, improved diets, better housing, and better dressed rural people, it is felt that the extension influence in the entire county is growing.

While considering lack of progress, first on the list is insufficient leaders to work with 4-H members. This too present a problem when leaders are expected to chaperon delegates to 4-H activities out side of the county. These include the Wild Life Conference and State Short Course. Delegates were never sent alone, but it^{has} often resulted in the same leader attending year after year.

The fact that about 3/4 of the leaders work outside of the home in an attempt to supplement the family income it has been quite a problem scheduling leader training meetings. Now more

- B. General Public - Publicized all county and special interest meetings. Wrote news articles and feature stories of accomplishments.
- C. Other Professional Workers - Attended monthly meetings regularly. Requested their assistance when necessary. Secured information from them on subjects in their special fields when necessary. Cooperated as much as possible with the exchange of services.

X. PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

Three professional magazines are received and read monthly. Other professional publications are studied. I attended the State Short Course, Farm and Home Week Conference and Garden Lovers Conference on days that subjects of specific interest was being discussed. Also attended the communications Schools in October.

XI. IMPROVEMENTS OF OFFICE AND WORKING CONDITIONS

Numerous improvements have been made toward better working conditions in this office with in the past year. First, no longer does the part time Secretary, farm and home agent have to share one desk for working. One desk has been moved in from the County Agents office, and an invoice has been received for another to be delivered soon. Two chairs have been added, a typewriter, and a telephone installed. Other items on invoice to be delivered soon, are costuser, waste basket, letter tray and bullentin rack. With items received and the list of those awaiting delivery, we are certain that they will

VIII. COOPERATIVE WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES

1. Civilian Defense - Club members were encouraged to offer their services to the program, and to attend all schools and classes that were offered that would be of service to them. The Defense Coordinator is called upon for clarification on materials when necessary.
2. Farm and Home Administration - Special assistance was given to families cooperating when requested. Possible clients were sent to ^{the} agency. Regular monthly meetings are held with the F. H. A. representative to keep informed of available services.
3. Civic Organizations - As discussed in the County Home Economics Committee meeting, all local home demonstration club presidents encourage their members to become registered voters.
4. Public Health - Circular letters were prepared from information received and was sent to the health leaders. The leaders were used to inform the community and general public of what ever drive was on, such as: Red Cross, Tuberculosis and March of Dimes.

IX. PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS with:

- A. Co-workers attended conferences and group meetings and discussed the general program. They were invited to program planning meetings as well as special activities. We exchanged demonstration materials as well as rendered assistance in and out of the county.

In 1958, construction work began on improving Route 301 on which the Wrights home is located. In order to make the road improvements, a little more than $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, of land was purchased from the family. With the sale of the $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, immediate plans were made to invest the money into home improvement. As a result, in October the home was completely remodeled. Improvements made were as follows: Roof and exterior of house painted and a cinder block under-pinning added. A back porch has been converted into a modern kitchen and a bathroom added with a complete water system. New oak floors were put in two bed rooms, living room and dining room. The front porch was screened and a cement floor and steps added. The walls of the dining room were refinished and two new pieces of furniture added to the open stock pieces on hand. The kitchen wood range was replaced with electric stove. The Wrights beamed as they stated "just imagine the sacrifice of a little more than $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of our land has just about covered the cost of our entire remodeling job." They also stated that their next goal is to landscape the front yard.

E. Activities and Accomplishments of outstanding Club.

(Refer to Article B. pages 25 & 26)

F. Significant Achievement of Extension Work -

With the county federation goal being "better housing" it is felt that the most significant achievement made in 1958 has been in housing. For this refer to Article D-3 pages 14 & 15 and Article D - pages 30 & 31.

county tour in 1956 on "Better Housing." It was at this time that she served as a result demonstrator for a complete water water system. During this project, a bathroom was added to the house, kitchen modernized with the purchase of water system, water heater, electric range and cabinets. A brick siding was put on the house and new front and back porches added. The lawn was seeded and drive way improved. Her home and surroundings, as well as her natural ability to lead, stands out as a guiding light not only in her community but in the county as a whole.

D. Activities and Accomplishments of an outstanding family —

Mr. & Mrs. Luther Wright of Route 2, Petersburg, may well be chosen as the outstanding family for 1958. They are both active and very cooperative with the extension program. Mrs. Wrights leadership ability has added much to the success of the program in her community. Mrs. Wright is a member of the County Advisory Board, a housing project leader for the Ivy Leaf Club, a member of the Community Improvement Club, and a committee member for the family records for the community club. She also serves as treasurer of the Ivy Leaf H D Club.

Six years ago Mr. & Mrs. Wright purchased 4 acres of land and a 4 room house in the Providence Community. This was purchased at a very reasonable price from an Uncle. Savings for the purchase had accumulated from Mr. Wright's checks while attending the Veterans classes in night school.

No. club Mtgs. held by ldr. w/out agt.	45	57	67	44	6
No. club Mtgs. leaders assisted	54	40	43	54	48
No. demonstration given by adult ldrs.	49	57	56	75	41
No. demonstrations given by Jr. ldrs.	5	8	11	10	7

5. Young Men and Women's Club (Nons)

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
No. club officers	-	-	-	-	-
No. leaders or sponsors	-	-	-	-	-

C. Activities and Accomplishments of outstanding leader —

Mrs. Odessa Wynn, of Route 2, Spring Grove is chosen as the outstanding leader in 1958. Mrs. Wynn serves as president of her club, program development leader, and project leader in clothing. She also serves as a community representative for the County Advisory Board, and was elected President of the Home Economics Planning Committee. She finds the time to carry out her duties in each of these capacities quite thoroughly, aside from her duties of teaching school. It was through her initiative and untiring efforts that the accomplishments of the Burrowsville home demonstration club was made to the extent that they were chosen the outstanding club of the year. (Refer to article B. pages 25 & 26.)

Mrs. Wynn has also served as a result demonstrator for her community. Her home was one of the homes visited on the

Home Demonstration Club Leadership (continued)

No. meetings by agents (training)	3	6	4	4	-
No. training meeting by others	-	-	-	-	-
Attendance at all training meetings	80	66	23	65	47
No. meetings held without agents	29	32	32	27	21
No. meetings leaders assisted	87	77	81	88	96
No. demonstrations by leaders	103	114	78	54	62
Talks and discussions by leaders	80	87	83	90	85

3. Overall Youth Leaders

	No. 1957	No. 1958
(Org. leaders for County Youth Council)	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>

4. 4-H Club Leadership

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
No. Club officers	51	51	51	20	20
No. Adult project leaders	14	12	10	4	4
No. Junior project leaders	-	2	2	1	2
No. result demonstrations	-	-	-	-	-
No. Training meetings by specialist	-	-	-	-	-
No. training meetings by dist. agents	-	-	-	-	-
No. training meetings by agent	-	-	-	3	1
No. training meetings by club dept.	-	-	-	-	1
No training meetings by others	-	-	-	-	2
Attendance ldr. training meeting	13	27	12	10	8
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	3	6	3	4	6

members. This has aided the attempt to improve or benefit from each activity and also to keep the interest of the members.

3. Subject Matter leaders have meant a great deal to the program by assisting the agent in giving information, securing records, as well as giving method demonstrations.

4. Federation Program of Work Chairman is selected by the County Home Demonstration Committee. During the past two years, the chairman has worked directly with the project leader from each community on "Better Housing." In some communities it was done through community projects, while others worked on it as a part of their regular monthly subject matter. Result demonstrators, home visits, lectures, discussions and illustrative materials were used to stimulate a desire for improvement.

B. Growth of Leadership

	No. 1957	No. 1958
1. Overall Program Leaders (Organizational leaders for County Ext. Service Board)	35	35

2. Home Demonstration Club Leadership

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
<u>No. organizational leaders</u>	50	50	50	45	45
<u>No. project leaders</u>	64	64	64	64	64
<u>No. Federation program of Work Ch.</u>	1	1	1	1	1
<u>No. Program development leaders</u>	10	10	10	10	8
<u>No. result demonstrators</u>	42	49	40	42	42
<u>No. training meetings by specialist</u>	2	2	2	4	1
<u>No. training settings by dist. agents</u>	-	-	-	-	-

club members are extremely happy about the project. While they learned how^{to}/do the job, they received a great deal of satisfaction in realizing how happy Mrs. Jones the present owner would be the night she would make the presentation.

Futher publicity of home demonstration work was done in this community on Sunday October 19. A program was held at the Morning Star Baptist Church at 3:00 P.M. The purpose of the program was to furnish specific information on Extension practices, clubs activities, goals and accomplishments for 1958. Foods, clothing and home improvement leaders gave their duties. They discussed their role in the current program for which had assumed leadership. They presented goals as set up by the county, and the results obtained in the form of a panel. The program development leader gave a report in the club community project. Commendable comments were made by several visitors. There were approximately 85 persons in attendance.

VII. LEADERSHIP

A. Contributions of the following leaders to the program.

1. Organisational leaders were responsible for general club activities, and in seeing that the club meeting were carried on in the correct parliamentary manner. They have done a very good job in the program by placing stress on better organised clubs.
2. Program development leaders have succeeded after each program in receiving general criticisms or approvals from the

Scope of Work (continued)

<u>No of community clubs</u>	1	1	1	1	1
<u>Membership</u>	67	73	76	76	81
<u>No Home Ec. Committee</u>	1	1	1	1	1
<u>No. General Interest Committee</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>No. Youth Committees</u>	2	2	2	2	2
<u>No other organizations</u>	2	2	2	2	2
<u>No. Farm & Home Dev. Families</u>	-	2	2	2	2
<u>No. different families reached</u>	244	260	285	225	227
<u>No. other families reached</u>	244	260	285	225	227

- B. What was done to increase scope of work and to publicize home demonstration work.

Community projects played an important role in publicizing home demonstration work. The Burrowsville home demonstration club selected two projects for the year. The first was mail box improvement. As a result of the project, of the 35 families in the community, 31 of these painted the mail box, and post, and put on name signs. This was done during a 6 month campaign. The second project was refinishing a chair. The chair had been owned by a member of the community for about 35 years. The owner a one time very active leader of community activities has been confined to a wheel chair for 15 years with both legs amputated and sightless. Upon her request, the club agreed to refinish the upholstered chair, that she may pass it to a very special friend as a house warming gift. The home demonstration

record book.

3. National 4-H Week Celebration- was held on community bases. Two of the four clubs held their monthly meetings jointly that week. Parents and friends were invited to attend. The enrollment from these two clubs represented twenty-one different families. Parents or friends from sixteen of these attended. After the guest observed a regular 4-H meeting including a demonstration, games were played for all and refreshments served.

Two other clubs that meet in the schools, held their meetings later in the month. Each of these assigned a special committee to secure permission that the school 4-H club could put up a display on the bulletin board for the week.

4. Achievement Day - was to be held jointly with the home demonstration clubs in November. Because of their change in schedule, the achievement day is planned for January 13.

D. Young Men and Women's Work (None)

VI. SCOPE OF WORK

A.	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
No. H. D. clubs of groups	10	10	10	9	9
Membership	126	101	130	125	131
No. 4-H clubs	12	12	10	4	4
Membership	147	151	131	139	163
No. YMW Clubs	-	-	-	-	-
Membership	-	-	-	-	-

the Loving Union and Union Branch clubs and leaders. This was held at J. S. J. Moore High School. On June 11, Miss Barrow, another specialist from the Power Company, conducted a second group of demonstrations for the members from the two clubs on selecting the types of lamps for reading, correct lighting for other tasks, and the proper placement or arrangement of lights for each.

RESULTS -

Nineteen girls enrolled, 14 of these completed the project. Of the 39 boys and girls that was enrolled, 37 of these attended both of the special meetings conducted by the Virginia Electric representatives. Seven boys and girls gave a demonstration at the State Short Course on "Correct and Incorrect Lights for Studying." One girl entered the State electric contest.

C. Other Activities -

1. 4-H Outing - Eighty-six 4-H members and leaders chartered a bus on July 26, for the annual outing. This year the group went to Bay Shore in Buckroe Beach, Virginia. This activity is sponsored each year as a form of recreation by the 4-H council. Council funds realized, are used for delegates expenses to the State Wild Life Conference.

2. State Short Course and Wild Life Conference -- The Agent and leaders assisted clubs in securing and making uniforms for delegates. In order that a delegate be qualified to attend, their project work has to be up to date including their

importance of the project. It was carried by the two clubs that meet in schools. At each meeting the members were checked on points covered in the previous meeting.

RESULTS-

There were 138 girls enrolled in the health project. Ninety one of these completed. One girl was entered into the State contest. Very appreciable improvements were made in the members grooming habits. This comment was made by each of the class room teachers under whom the members were enrolled. Considerable improvements were made on the "how do you rate sheet" that was scored several times during the project.

2. Electric (Unit I) Objectives

1. To teach more about electricity
2. To teach its practical uses in the home and on the farm
3. To improve, or study correct lighting in the home.

METHODS

Leaders were trained to assist agent in project work. Special assistance was requested of a representative of the Virginia Electric Power Company for talks, discussions, demonstrations and circular materials. Talks and demonstrations were given at regular meetings, in one home demonstration meeting, and at the State Short Course.

On February 6, Mr. Trice, a specialist from the Virginia Electric Power Company conducted demonstrations on types, construction and repairing service cords for members of both

2. County Youth Committees - (Not organized)

3. County 4-H Council - The council is composed of officers and leaders from each 4-H club. It held two meetings during the year for the purpose of training officers, discussing members special responsibilities, and for making plans to carry out activities. These plans included fund raising activities, selecting delegates and county activities. A member of the 4-H Council met with the County Agricultural Board to report on the 4-H activities.

4. All Stars - (No such group)

5. Honor Club- (No such group)

6. Project Planning Committee - is composed of members from all clubs. The Committee which consist of 4-H members, adult leaders, a junior representative to the County Agricultural Board, and the Agents, planned the overall program. This program was planned based on suggestions coming in from all clubs as to their needs and interest. The committee also made suggestions and set up the award system of recognition for outstanding work.

B. 4-H Project Work -
Health (Individual) Objectives

1. To teach the meaning of good health
2. To teach health habits for keeping well and happy
3. To teach the proper care of the body

METHODS -

Members were informed as to project requirements and the

made as follows: living room wall papered, curtains purchased, heating system and a new water system installed, and a refrigerator purchased. The family has improved the possibilities of adequate meals through the cultivation of a year round garden, food preservation in the freezer, and adequate poultry and milk supply.

Short term goals include raising more live-stock, repairing out building and completing basement renovations. Last summer the family decided that they would build a new dwelling using the present basement foundation. On November 6, Miss Mary B. Settle, Housing Specialist came into the county and visited the Wooden family. After listening to their wishes and needs as expressed by Mrs. Wooden, the Specialist then began to search through house plans that may be adopted to their needs. After selecting a few of these, various points were discussed on each plan, and they were left with the family to make their choice. It was at this time that Mr. Wooden stated that construction would begin during this winter of early spring.

Other long time goals are to study land use, make plans for landscaping and secure more needed house furnishings. Developing the farm and cooperative planning has been significant factors in the success of the family.

V. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - YOUTH

A. Organisation

1. County Youth Council - (Not organized)

was one of their long time goals. They also painted the house out side and two rooms inside which meant that two short time goals were accomplished. Other goals include landscaping the yard, and securing some new/^{house}furnishings, when the farm has produced sufficient income to purchase such.

Mrs. Graves devote a great deal of time to food preservation and preparation.

Family No. 2

Mr. & Mrs. Lacy Wooden of Route 1, Disputanta, was the first family to enter the Farm and Home Development Program. The Wooden family consist of 4 members. Their ages, Mr. Wooden 37, Mrs. Wooden 36, daughters Fay and Gay, ages 8 and 10 respectively.

This family purchased their farm six years ago. They entered the development program two years later. At that time, their farm consisting of 168 acres was grown up in spots from the front yard to the rear of the farm. Ditches were filled, and some of the best soil was washing away on the swamp. They were advised to secure a farm plan, and the following three recommendations in soil conservation were followed: (1) pasture to sloped land, (2) strip cropping and (3) tile drainage.

As a bases of better living and result of soil conservation, the family income has definitely increased. From the increased income home improvements have been

B. Subject Matter areas and Assistance Given

	Short-Time Goals	Long-Time Goals	Outlook	Information	Buying	Information	Improved Methods	and practices	Demonstrations	Special Assistance
<u>Foods and Nutrition</u>	2	2	2	-	2	2	2			2
<u>Vegetable Gardening</u>	2	2	2	-	2	-	-			-
<u>Clothing</u>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2			-
<u>Housing</u>	2	2	-	-	-	-	-			1
<u>Home Management</u>	-	-	-	-	2	-	-			-
<u>House Furnishings</u>	2	2	-	2	-	1	1			1
<u>Yard Improvement</u>	1	2	-	-	-	-	-			1
<u>4-H Club</u>	2	-	-	-	2	2	-			-
<u>Other (specify)</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-

C. Progress Stories --

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Graves, ages 34 and 32, respectively and their son Edward age 17 are members of the second farm and home development family. They have worked with the program for four years. They live on a 85 acre farm. They have adopted the soil plan and practices diversified farming of corn, peanuts, tobacco and soy beans. Five acres if pasture takes care of their livestock.

The Graves succeeded in remodeling their kitchen, which

as a result of some of the activities shown on the 1957 achievement program. As the result of another pending county wide extension program, the officers of the Advisory Board asked that the achievement program be postponed until Jan. 13, 1959.

E. Urban Work Done in County (None)

IV. FARM AND HOME DEVELOPMENT —

<u>A. Problems encountered most often</u>	<u>No. families</u>
<u>More ideas than action</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Families unawareness of immediate needs</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Family unable to reach agreement on</u>	<u></u>
<u>goals to set up</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Inadequate record keeping</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Inability to see attainment of short term</u>	<u></u>
<u>goal in relationship to long time goal</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Changes made often not related to family</u>	<u></u>
<u>goal</u>	<u>1</u>

has grown smaller. A full delegation is encouraged to attend each year by the County Advisory Board.

b. County Advisory Board —

A source of relaxation was one of the objectives that the County Advisory Board discussed when it met and made plans for its annual activity. Instead of the banquet that had been held for the past two years, a county-wide picnic was held on August 31, at Jones Lake in Chesterfield County. This lake is located about 5 miles just outside of Prince George. Approximately 165 persons attended. For many it was a restful day, while for others it was a good day for swimming, dancing, sharing rides and slides, as well as their packed lunches.

6. Work in Unorganized Communities — was continued mainly through individual contacts, special problems, or special interest groups as requested. This was done to make the extension services available to as many people as possible as well as making an attempt to stimulate interest.
7. Achievement Program — was to be held in the form of an educational display. It was being planned by a special committee. These displays were to be based on the 1958 calendar of work. Slides from some farm and home development improvements, as well as those of result demonstrations were to be shown. These were requested

They are presently living in a four-room dwelling that was constructed eleven years ago. It is their desire to build two additional rooms and to make improvements on the present structure. Because of the condition of the present house, as well as the room arrangement and the intended use of the additional rooms, specialist help was requested.

Miss Settle spent a great deal of time attempting to work out a suggestive plan. After outlining two possible guides, she finally decided to take the information gathered back to her office and send to the family two completed plans from which they might choose. This was done and the Tuckers are gathering materials for the project now, so that construction may begin in December.

4. Judging School — On May 29, four leaders attended the Judging School that was held at Virginia State College. One leader was assigned to each of the four phases of judging taught that day: Foods, Clothing, Art and Handicraft, and Educational Exhibits. The four leaders made a report of their experiences to the County Home Economics Committee on July 29, and in their respective community club meetings.

5. Special program —

a. Farm and Home Week Conference

This conference has been of great value to the few persons that have sacrificed farm time in July to attend. However, in spite of the circular letters, personal contacts and public announcements, each year the number

discussion with points on the effective use of credit. Many questions were raised by the audience to each of the speakers.

Seven of the nine active communities were represented.

3. Federation Goal (Better Housing)

Solid foundations, adequate storage, attractive dwellings, better steps, porches, screens, and clean attractive surroundings, were the objectives as set up again for the 1958 goal. Nine result demonstrators were selected. Result demonstrators from previous years were continued. Home visits, lectures and discussions on improved water systems were continued. General discussions were held on more comfortable and convenient homes, both at county and community meetings. Eighteen housing leaders assisted. Seven new homes were built, 16 did remodeling, 43 made kitchen and laundry improvements, 18 improved storage space, 12 made major yard improvements, 4 installed water and 1 installed a heating system.

On March 28, Miss Mary B. Settle, House Improvement Specialist of V. P. I. worked with the Willie Tucker family on house remodeling.

The Tuckers, whose ages are about 38 and 40 years, are part-time farmers. There are six children with their ages ranging between 11 and 21 years. These are five boys and one girl.

D. Other Activities --

1. National Home Demonstration Week - As a part of the weeks observance, sixteen leaders and homemakers from the County attended the annual Group III District meeting in Suffolk on May 6. A panel discussion was held in the afternoon on "Leaders Responsibility to Community Living." Participants from five counties took part. Our representative was Mrs. Sadie Bland, who has served as a leader here for twenty-three years. She discussed "How to train Leaders." Five other leaders from here presented a skit on the county goal, "better housing". This showed the role of the leaders through home demonstration clubs, result demonstrations, community projects and community club improvement work in working toward the county goal.

Other activities conducted during the week was a leader training meeting reported previously in which 23 leaders attended, and a Judging School in Petersburg in which four leaders attended.

2. Farmers Conference -- Approximately 65 farm people attended the first Farmers Conference on March 28, at the J. E. J. Moore High School. The program was centered around "Ways of Supplementing the Farm and Home Income." I. C. Peoples and J. A. Pompey, discussed raising poultry and vegetables production. M. T. Carter, gave information on peanut production and disease control. M. K. Brown, ended the

conducting rural mail box improvements, clean up campaign, refinishing a chair, and collecting materials for an orphanage home and a sanitorium.

The Disputants Club conducted the community clean up program for a period of six weeks. Forms to be checked were made and distributed by the club members to all families in the community. Truck owners in the community were asked to assist on a special date in collecting the trash that was placed at the drive-way of each home. Four truck owners participated. Noted improvements were made. Twenty-six of the thirty-three families returned the check sheets indicating improvements made. Nine of these made improvements on drive-ways while the majority of them gave both front and back yards a thorough cleaning.

Community Club Improvement Work - was continued in the Providence Community. Group meetings were held in March and October. The meeting in March was to analyze the progress of last years work and to set up specific goals for this year. In October, the reports committee met to began work on collecting data sheets from the various families on progress made during the year. It has been found that numerous improvements have been made in the community this year, because of the new extension to highway Route 301. To make this extension, property was purchased from a number of farm owners there, who in turn used the money to improve their homes or farms.

have received on new ideas for Christmas.

6. Special Interest - (Freezing Fruits, Vegetables, and Meats)

Objectives:

1. To teach what to freeze
2. To introduce various kinds of containers
3. To teach methods of packing
4. To teach "loading the freezer"

METHODS -

A method demonstration was held on March 5, at the home of Mrs. Sadie Bland in the Loving Union Community. Eight members of the community home demonstration club attended. After watching the demonstrations in freezing pork, each was given a pamphlet on freezing meats.

RESULTS -

Three members are using a community food locker, while two others are planning to purchase freezers at the end of this harvest season.

- C. Community Projects - were stressed in the county home demonstration club committee meetings, and in each club. Each club was asked to select a project that every one could take part in. These were used to publicize home demonstration work, stimulate interest and to improve the community problem. Five of the nine home demonstration clubs conducted projects. These were Loving Union, Disputanta, Union Branch Providence and Burrowsville clubs. The projects were:

materials. The leaders reported that the demonstrations proved very interesting as many of the members were interested in being able to make some type of arrangement for the home the year round. They were also aware of the fact that the artificial and dried arrangements on the market are quite expensive.

5. Art (2) (Christmas Ideas)

Objectives:

1. To introduce gifts from the kitchen
2. To reduce cost of gifts
3. To improve skills in Christmas wrappings
4. To introduce new Christmas decorations

METHODS -

Mrs. Guerin, Home Economist of the Virginia Electric Power Company conducted a training meeting on November 5, in which 23 leaders attended. They observed demonstrations on gift suggestions from the pantry, Christmas wrappings, and making decorative center pieces for tables. Recipes, instructions on Christmas decoration and gift suggestions were made available to all members and interested persons, following the leaders demonstrations at the club meetings.

RESULTS -

Twenty-three leaders gave 46 demonstrations to 71 members during the month of November. Comments are being received as to the members acceptance of the demonstrations that they

as well as a floor plan for 3 shapes of kitchens using out-out furniture.

RESULTS -

In many rooms too many accessories were being used, thus giving an over crowded effect. In some rooms where only portions of a suite of furniture had been purchased, care had not been taken to see that the furniture selected was in open-stock, so that the suite may be completed at a later date. As a result of demonstrations and discussions 18 leaders assisting in seeing that 85 homemakers made improvements in furniture arrangement and use of accessories.

4. Art (1) (Flower arrangements, dried and cut)

Objectives:

1. To teach what to gather
2. To teach the preparation of materials
3. To teach types of containers, and line arrangements

METHODS -

Leaders assisted in securing materials to be used for demonstrations. These included containers, and dried and fresh materials.

RESULTS -

During the absence of the agent, leaders conducted 5 home demonstration club meetings in which 53 members attended. Points emphasized were: suggested line arrangement for various containers; what to gather; and preparation of

interest was shown in each of the nine home demonstration club meetings. This was especially true at the point in the demonstration or discussion in which each members outfit was scored. It was done without previous warning, and it proved very educational as well as humorous to all. Very definite improvements have been observed by the agent and many club members in the general appearance of persons whom this information has reached. More thought has been given to purchasing various articles of clothing, since the members are more conscious of the varied activities in which they plan to wear them, as well as their adaptability to other accessories. This subject rated highest in reaching non-club members and stimulating new interest among the club members.

3. House Furnishings (Furniture Arrangement and Selection)

Objectives:

1. To make the best use of existing furniture
2. To teach points to look for in selection
3. To teach choosing and using accessories

METHODS -

The monthly meetings for September and October were held in the homes where special request were made for assistance in furniture arrangement or selection. First points in arrangement was given by the use of demonstration materials. These included a cut out doll house using miniature furniture

in their various communities. Increased interest was stimulated among club and non-club members. The project has proven to be a new and effective way to entertain family members, teenage groups as well as providing new ways of preparing foods. It also served to introduce various types of bar-b-que pits that may fit the families needs or income.

During June and July, eighteen meetings were held with the leaders giving 54 demonstrations. Six new members enrolled during the two months. Numerous request were received for ballentins and recipies on the project from non-members.

2. Clothing (Dress for various occasions and Selections of Accessories)

Objectives:

1. To teach the importance of accessories
2. To teach the selection of basic accessories
3. To teach the proper attire for various occasions

METHODS -

Illustrative materials were used on flannel board showing the use of accessories to expand the wardrobe. Printed materials were given each member, and a chart by which other members of the family may learn to score their outfit.

RESULTS -

Seasonable use, variety, color, personality, and the occasion, were the main points discussed. Exceptional

development leader of each club. They implement and plan and implement the various activities which are of primary concern to the organized home demonstration clubs. The group complies suggestions as sent in as various communities needs, and set up the project program of work for the year. Their other activities included an award system of recognition for outstanding work, and assisting in selecting result demonstrations.

B. Project Work —

1. Foods and Nutrition (Outdoor Cooking)

Objectives:

1. To teach how to assemble out door cooking equipment
2. To teach techniques in out door cooking
3. To teach different methods of food preparation
4. To provide another means of family recreation

METHODS -

Twenty-three leaders attended a training meeting on May 14, in the Union Branch Community at the home of Mrs. Alma Johnson. Mrs. Mary Thompson, Foods Specialist, emphasized the art of out door cooking. This included building a grill, assembling necessary equipment, and demonstrations on a variety of dishes to cook out .

RESULTS -

The twenty-three leaders represented seven of the nine communities. They conducted demonstrations in June and July

3. General Interest Committee - (Not organized)

4. Home Economics Committee -

In 1957, the home demonstration Agent called in a few key leaders of the Home Demonstration Club Committee in an attempt to organize the Council. The leaders attending represented the five magisterial districts. The group was asked to assist in the selection of the phase of home economics to be first undertaken, and to make this initial selection of committee women to work on the phase selected. This was done, Foods and Nutrition was the choice. Then a committee of ten were organized. Their objectives were: (1) to analyze the situation regarding that particular phase of home economics, (2) determine the needs and problems, (3) establish goals, and (4) set up methods for solution of the particular problem and for the attainment of the particular goals.

Having gone this far into organizing the council, a second committee meeting was called, only to find that three of the members had to withdraw their services for the current year, and one other decided not to serve on the committee. This left four areas of the county without a representative. The members remaining discussed the situation, and agreed to table the functioning of the committee until another year.

5. County Home Demonstration Club Committee —

This committee is composed of the president and program

goals were: to learn to select basic accessories for dress, to learn methods of out door cooking, to learn steps in flower arrangements, and to learn points on furniture selection.

III. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM — ADULT

A. Organization

1. County Agricultural Extension Service Board

This Board is composed of key leaders from all communities. Some of these leaders represent communities in which we do not have organized clubs. It functions by the laws of the constitution that was revised in 1956. The Board was used to bring together plans developed by the various committees, both adult and 4-H. It also worked to create an understanding of the total Extension program on the part of all members of the Board which were expected to help towards developing action programs designed to carry out the objectives outlined at Board meetings, and to create a better understanding of the program throughout the county. It was further used to assist in determine projects that was given major emphasis during the year. It used its standing committee to develop neighborhood leader activity. It selected and sent delegates to the State Advisory Board meeting, and encourage people to attend the Farm and Home Week Conference. A special committee was appointed to make plans when necessary to raise funds to aid in conducting all activities.

2. Home Economics Council - (Not organized)

Hopewell is primarily a manufacturing city, and in the county manufacturing provides as much employment as does farming. Four large plants in Hopewell expanded greatly during World War II. Manufactures include pulp and paper board, nitrogen materials, chemical cotton, other chemicals, gum naval stores, lumber, keg staves, perlite for plaster and concrete aggregate and dairy products. Hopewell is an important river port, with freighters calling regular at its City Point docks.

With the numerous labor opportunities in Petersburg, Hopewell and Fort Lee, I find the county men and women gradually leaving their homes and farms the year round in order to supplement the family income. Thus, with so many of the ladies away during the day, it has compelled the Agent to hold night meetings in most of the communities that are participating in the extension program. As a result, we now hold two 4-H, five home demonstration meetings, and all council, advisory board, and county wide programs at night. In planning the program calendar, scheduling leader training meetings, or special interest activities, the hour of meetings, place the meeting is to be held, as well as the amount of time available for each meeting has to be considered.

The 1958 program was based upon the following goals as indicated by the people. To reach people through improved leadership and increased membership, was set up as both immediate and long time goal. Another long time goal that has been worked on for the past five years was re-established, "Better Housing." Other immediate

was incorporated in 1916. The County seat is located at Prince George near the center of the county. According to the 1950 census, Prince George County is 280 square miles large and has a population of 19,679 persons with 5,959 of these being non-white. The land is generally level, with sandy soil and clay subsoil. Nearly two-thirds of the area is wooded and the county has produced much pulpwood. It is largely rural non-farm and urban county, having 59.6 percent rural non-farm, 21 percent rural farm. There were 745 families on farms in 1950, but that figure has dropped considerably in the past four years. The 1954 census indicated there were 685 families, with 249 of these being Negro.

Tobacco, Cotton, Peanuts and general farm crops are profitably raised here. Brick clay, sand and gravel are the only mineral resources of commercial importance.

Fort Lee, a large military installation just outside Petersburg lies wholly in Prince George. There are several other large federal and state properties within the county boundaries.

Here, recreational activities are for the most part promoted by schools, churches, W-H and H D clubs, and other civic and social groups.

Within this county still stand some of Virginia's most beautiful colonial residences - Brandon, Upper Brandon, Appomattox Manor and Merchants Hope Church. Part of Petersburg National Military Park, including the famous Crater Battlefield and Museum, lies in Prince George.

I. Highlights of 1958 Program —

The 1958 program of work was the result of surveys, discussions, and basic needs as brought into the program planning committee meeting in August 1957. Results obtained by the program indicate that definite contributions were made to better rural living conditions, and to improve the adult and 4-H knowledge of better homemaking. This was done through special interest meetings, leader training, result and method demonstrations; as well as through personal contacts, group meetings and bulletins. From request sent in to the adult and 4-H planning meetings, it is evident that basic needs, general interest and goals selected, did show that the people are eager to know how, and to experience better rural living. Observing the number of improvements made toward better housing, meal planning, furniture arrangement and better dressed rural people, it is felt that the extension influence in the county is growing.

In view of the 1958 experiences, we are hoping that next years program can be strengthened by continuing to work on goals not yet attained. These are organized 4-H leadership, home economics council, and improved result demonstrations. Through these we are seeking a method of helping the people to realize more of their real needs.

II. County Situations

Prince George County was formed in 1702 from Charles City County, and named for the consort of Queen Ann. Hopewell, an independent City within the county, came into existence during World War I and

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