

D. Commercial interests:

Play no favorites to any commercial concerns.

Give recognition and thanks to any concerns who may help H.D. or 4-H program.

Keep files of materials which will be available valuable use in H.D. or 4-H program

E. Other professional workers:

Have cooperated as much as possible with Soil Conservationist, health nurse, welfare workers, teachers, superintendent of school and other workers. Through cooperation with them the agent has been able to learn their phase of work as well as helpful information about the county people and situation.

I. Professional improvement:

Attended District meetings, Annual Extension Conference, V.P.I. Tailoring School in Culpepper, Induction Training for new agents V.P.I. as well as other subject matter meetings. Joined A.H.E.A. and W.N.D.A.A. Try to study the latest bulletins and magazines.

II. Office and working conditions: Miss Ethel Grubbs, H.D. Agent at Large organized the files before the arrival of the new agent which made finding important information easier. A desk lamp was added to the office which made working conditions greatly improved as the former lighting was quite poor.

XIII. Look Ahead: 4-H Joint meeting of boys and girls. Invite boys and County agent to meetings. Plan 4-H project work with girls and leaders; Possibility of older 4-H group; develop a long time extension program by having the organized committees to meet and organize at least one addition Home Economic Committee.

4-Hers'. A county council was organized September 30. At this meeting 25 of the 26 club officers attended along with agents and leaders. The council made plans for the 1959 program.

VIII. Description of Cooperative work done by agent with other groups:

The agent has cooperated with the War Memorial building committee when it sponsors community activities as Labor Day event and Holiday Buffet Dinner Dance to see that the H.D. ladies made contributions to make their events a success and in return secure money to pay the debt of the building.

IX. Progress in developing good public relations in the county with:

A. Co-worker

Started having staff conference about once a week.

B. General Public

The agent is interested and tries to participate in county activities, especially those of educational, religious, cultural, social and services of other nature. She has tried to attend different churches throughout the county as well as the civic and school activities. The agent participated in a Ruritan community church service.

C. Elected Representatives:

Try to keep friendly relationship with the Board of Supervisors and their families as well as other county officials. The agent appreciates suggestion from these people as to how to improve Extension work in the county.

Home Beautification at Institute of Rural Affairs this year.

Mrs. Elam has been behind her two children in 4-H throughout the years.

The two children Jo and Nick have been outstanding 4-Her's and proved this by winning rewards and recognitions. Nick is studying Dairy at V.P.I. and Jo is studying Home Economics at Radford.

They are not only active as a family in Extension but also in community, church and school activities.

E. Activities and accomplishments of a club:

The Hopkinsville H.D. Club had not met for some time. They started meeting again in June after arrival of new Home Agent. The club had very few members - approximately four. Since then their membership has increased to about twelve members. The club has an average of two to three members at each leader training meeting. The club won first place with its educational exhibit at the Tri-County fair.

F. Significant Achievement of Extension work in 4-H Club work:

The county did not have an organized 4-H county council. It had not had one for several years. Miss Evelyn Barker met with a committee to discuss what a council was and meant to

C. Activities and Accomplishments of some outstanding leader and Extension part in this development:

Mrs. Elnor Reames has done an outstanding job in demonstrating the making of Christmas cards. Mrs. Reames joined the club this year and two months later ask to serve as leader. She attended a leader training meeting and returned to her club with an outstanding demonstration followed by invitations to give the demonstration in other H.D. Clubs. She had made beautiful sample cards to show her groups which encouraged members that cards could be made beautifully.

Through this work Mrs. Reames seems to show interest in further work with H.D. club and is a good contribution to H.D. program in the county.

D. Outstanding activities and accomplishments of an outstanding family:

Mr. & Mrs. C. N. Elam have made contribution to Extension work in this county. Mr. Elam is an outstanding farmer in the county, having graduated from an agricultural school. Mrs. Elam, who does some part time teachings has been a good leader in H.D. work as well as 4-H work where she has served as an adult leader in the county and camp. Mrs. Elam was named 1959 chairman of



B. Growth of Leadership

No. 1957      No. 1958

1. Overall Program Leaders (organizational  
leaders for County Ext. Service Board)                      0                      0

2. Home Demonstration Club Leadership

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
No. organizational leaders	0	0	0	32	40
No. project leaders (subject matter)	75	43	75	63	88
No. Federation program of work ch.	9	9	9	8	8
No. program development leaders	0	0	0	0	8
No. result demonstrators	2	4	1	1	1
No. training meetings by specialist	3	5	6	5	7
No. training meetings by dist. agent	0	0	1	2	0
No. training meetings by agent	3	1	1	1	0
No. training meetings by others	0	0	0	1	1
Attendance at all training meetings	129	53	53	95	88
No. meetings held without an agent	29	25	43	52	21
No. meetings leaders assisted	99	96	36	63	52
Demonstrations by leaders	29	37	4	54	34
Talks and discussions by leaders	12	14	36	32	25

Mrs. J. C. Weisiger, acting president has done an excellent job since June when she took over the job of president upon the resigning of their president who moved. Mrs. Weisiger kept the Genito H.D. club going until a new president was elected.

2. Program Development leaders were supplied with some topics of demonstration. The clubs were given check sheets before program planning time. These were summarized by Program Development Leaders and suggestions were carried to the planning meeting.

3. Subject matter leaders attended leader training meetings and then presented demonstration to their club. There has been excellent attendance for these meetings especially since June there has been almost 100% attendance.

As a number of ladies work outside the home, it is difficult for some clubs to send leaders. 88 leaders have given approximately 220 days to club work.

4. Federation Program of Work - chairman had a leader training meeting in November to plan their 1959 program. Duties of the leaders were discussed.

A meeting was held last year to train leaders for the 1958 Federation goal Family Life.

A few clubs gave reports at most of the meetings on the goal but it could have been improved with larger number of participation.

VI. Scope of Work

A.

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
No. H.D. Clubs or Groups	9	9	9	8	8
Membership	244	279	290	261	270
No. 4-H Club	8	8	6	7	6
Membership	78	83	73	74	61
No. YMW Clubs					
Membership					
No. Community Clubs					
Membership					
No. Home Ec. Committees	0	0	1	1	1
No. General Interest Committees	0	0	2	4	4
No. Youth Committees					
No. other organization					
No. Farm & Home Dev. Families				4	4
No. other families reached	81	146	150	271	270
No. different families reached	475	325	425	351	310

B. Work done to increase scope of work and to inform the public about H.D. work: Approximately 25 home visits have been made since June to encourage membership in H.D.C. with hope of encouraging new members.

It is more difficult to increase membership with larger number of working women in the county.

VII. Leadership

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

1. Organizational leaders take responsibility of keeping the organization operating as it should, taking care of routine matters. The club presidents tend to serve as supervisors for club activities. Her job is important; her job determine failure or success in many instance.

in December.

The Genito 4-H club helped serve the Ruritan club and provided entertainment for them.

7. County Contest: There were not contest held in 1958.

8. Fair

Goochland-Powhatan-Louisa Fair - about 20% made entries in this fair. The majority of entries received blue and red ribbons. Jo Elam won 5 blue ribbons on her 5 entries in clothing.

9. 4-H Week and Rural Life Sunday: County Wide Picnic and Share the Fun: Very little was done on these activities as there was no acting Home Agent at the time to stress its importance.

F. Young Men and Women's Work: There is no organized group of young men and women in the county. Most of the young men and women in the county are married. Many of the women are married. Many of the women are members of the H.D. Clubs. Some of the programs as Family Life was keyed to young women.

## 2. Seven County 4-H Parade

Powhatan county had a float which was decorated by 4-H members, agents and friends of 4-Her's. Jo Elam and Robin Lester were in competing for queen and king of the parade. A unit of 4-H members carried the county 4-H Banner and marched in front of the float.

## 3. District Camp at Jamestown

Twenty-five boys and girls attended the camp. Two girls also attended as junior leaders - Dorothy Gills and Susan Stitt. Dorothy Gills was selected to serve as scribe of the camp for the week. Annie Allen placed third in a talent contest. Other 4-Her's attending were selected to as as Big Scribe or Chief of their individual tribes. Ruritan club sponsored two children attending - Fern Bureau two and Ballsville H.D. club one.

## 4. State 4-H Short Course -

Three girls and two boys along with county agent attended short course.

Jo Elam entered State Dress Revue contest and won a blue ribbon. Jo was also elected secretary of the 1959 State Short Course. Each girl attending made reports to her individual club upon return. Dorothy Gills was sent by the County H.D. Committee.

## 5. Conservation Camp

Jo Elam attended the camp. Jo served as leader of her tribe.

## 6. Communities Activities:

Helped serve coffee for Holiday Buffet Dinner Dance in

D. Electric

Objective:

1. To help the boys learn some of the basic things in electricity.
2. Help them realize the importance of keeping their electric equipment clean.

Procedures:

1. Talked with boys and parents
2. Discussed electric equipment they had on hand.

The four boys in this project made lists of equipment. They have been keeping thier equipment clean and have made a special effort to get all light bulbs clean. These boys did not complete their project as their club discontinued meeting during the year.

E. Other activities:

1. Achievement Day

The achievement Day Program was held February 26 in the lounge of the War Memorial building. The group was small because of bad rainy weather, approximately 40 members and parents were there. Jo Elam presided, Shirley Graham had the devotion, Mr. Henry showed slides of the "Seven County Parade". Mr. Henry and Mrs. Parker awarded the county medals. The entertainment was a "Share the Fun Program". There were seven acts. Three in the Senior Group and 4 in the junior group, Karen Nelson and Sandra Simmons were first winner, with a clarinet solo, Jo Elam was second - Judy Simmons was first in the junior group.

The Genito Club had 80% of the demonstration on schedule sheet even though an agent was not in the county.

Jo Elam is the only member taking "Make or Remake". She had completed an evening dress which was worn in the District Dress Revue contest where she won a trip to State Contest V.P.I. There she won a blue ribbon. Jo has completed articles in the project.

C. Housekeeping

Objective:

1. To help the girls realize many of the household duties around the house that they can do.
2. Show them the correct time saving methods.

Procedure:

1. Had trained leaders, adult and junior, to give demonstration.
2. Home visits to parents and members.
3. Up-to-date subject matter was given to the girls.
4. Actual practice following demonstration during club meeting as "bed Making".

The girls in this project did not have many demonstration due to bad weather during the winter months. They have organized their cleaning equipment and have been doing certain cleaning jobs.

Ann Lester did especially well when her mother was away from home during an illness which gave Ann full responsibility of the home.

The Powhatan and Belona 4-H Clubs secured materials and made bulletin boards for their room. They also worked on framing pictures. Several of the club members did a number of flower arrangements after they had seen the demonstration.

B. Clothing

- a. So You'd Like to Sew
- b. Make or Remake
- c. Looking your best

Objectives:

1. To teach the girls with limited or no actual sewing needed steps, principles, and practices in learning to sew.
2. To help girls with some experience in sewing to learn better finishing methods.

Procedure:

1. Talked with 4-H club members
2. Had demonstration
3. Used trained leaders
4. Home visits to parents and club members.

The members of the Belona Club have made stuffed animals including elephants, cats and dogs. These girls made dish towel and cut out gathered skirts.

The Flat Rock club started their project work when they were organized in February. Nine of their members reported they had made several articles.

4. All Stars:

There is no organized group of all Stars in the county since there are only 10 All Stars living in the county. These All Stars are: Mr. C. N. Elam, Jo Elam, Nick Elam, Mrs. John Cosner, Mrs. Helen F. Moots, Mrs. Rebekah Wilburn, Mrs. Ruth Menn and Mrs. S. W. Parker - new All Stars taken in during 1959 were Dorothy Gills and Robin Lester.

5. Honor Club - no honor club exists in the county.

6. Project Planning Committee - Projects were planned by the county 4-H council entirely. The projects were then discussed by the club members in their club. The clubs decided between the two projects on which they would like to carry. The members gave suggestions as to what they would like included in the project after which agent made out the new year's program.

B. 4-H Project Work

a. Your room pep-it-up

Objective - to help the girls

1. Realize some of the small things they can do that will make their rooms more attractive.
2. Make the best of existing furniture.
3. Realize their needs and to make plans for improvement.
4. Acquire skills in making simple furnishings.

Procedures:

1. Talked with 4-H members
2. Had demonstration by agent, leaders and club members

for the benefit of Sheltering Arms Hospital, along with the party is a food sale. This year the club made \$185.00 to contribute to the hospital which is solely operated through contributions of charity.

#### IV. Farm and Home Development

The Home Agent is working with four farm and home families. These families are R. J. Lester, J. W. Hatcher, C. N. Elm, Ford Harris. No work has been done on the home side of this phase since the new agent took over.

#### V. County Extension Program - Youth

##### A. Organization

1. County Youth Council - no council organized in this county. This is a long time goal.

##### 2. County Youth Committee

Goal: To organize a youth committee this year.

This goal has not been reached during 1958.

3. County 4-H Council - Powhatan county organized a county council on September 30. The council is composed of presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries and treasurers of each 4-H Club in the county along with leaders. The council trained the various officers at this meeting along with planning 4-H projects and election of officers. Officers elected were: President, Ruby Brown; vice-president Phyllis Utt; secretary-treasurer Fay Breudrick; song leader - Annie Allen and Reporter Jeanne Letson.

9. Sponsor and encourage participation in all 4-H club activities.

10. In order to encourage more home reading in children and adults each club have library committee to borrow and distribute books from extension libraries.

Procedures:

- a. Mrs. E. F. Yates, Mrs. W. R. Parker, Mrs. B. S. Brent judged at the Amelia County Fair. Mrs. B. S. Brent and Home Agent judged at Blackstone fair - Mrs. Brent also judged at Ferrville fair. Four of the above five have Home Economics training and belong to the Virginia Home Economic Association.
- b. National Home Demonstration Week - Very little was done in Powhatan County on recognition of the National H.D. Week.
- c. Achievement Program - A committee was selected to work on this program. The committee consisting of Mrs. Edward Tilman, chairman, Mrs. B. S. Brent, Mrs. W. R. Parker, Mrs. John Cosner and Mrs. E. P. Hicks. The Achievement Day committee decided to not conduct a program this year as there had been an abnormal program with the absence of H.D. agents.
- d. Drives : The County H.D. members support the local drives for Red Cross, American Cancer, Heart Fund and the Bloodmobile by not only donations but also serving as helpers for various drives.

The Pine Creek H.D. Club each year sponsor a card party

4. Labor Day Food Sale -

Each year a Labor Day all day event is held in benefit of the building fund of the War Memorial building. The H. D. Ladies contribute to a food sale which is conducted by the American Legion Auxiliary.

D. Other Activities:

Objectives:

1. Every club member endeavor to reach more people and definitely participate in carrying through the 1958 program.

2. Every club member encourage non-members to attend regular and special interest meetings.

3. Dedicate one planned meeting and social hour to the gainfully employed homemaker and mothers.

4. Work with other agencies and organization in the fields of education, health, community service and Civil Defense.

5. Each club be represented at District and State H.D. sponsored meetings.

6. Each club be represented at all county-wide H.D. sponsored meetings.

7. Each club continue to carry through a roadside community beautification project with special emphasis on entrance planting and general clean-up program

8. Every H.D. Club member an exhibitor at the Goochland-Powhatan-Louisa Fair.

an electric iron, kitchen electric wall clock or electric alarm clock, several five dollar cash prizes, merchandise gift certificate, heat proof set of dishes, paint etc.

The firms and merchants contributing these prizes are : Bank of Fowhatan, E. Floyd Yates, Asoco Distributor, Goodwyn Lumber Co., Bloxton Drug Co, Home Appliance Center, Carter "Cowah", Fowhatan Farm Supply, Maxey's Store, Fowhatan Locker Plant, E. A. Nichols Store, Macon; E. M. Dandridge Grocery, Ballsville; Starr's Grocery, Tobaccoville;

Anyone could enter by notifying the president of the H.D. Club or Mrs. Edith Parker, H. D. Agent and the only rules are that the decorations must be outside the house. Twenty home entered in the final judging contest; judges were Mrs. R. E. D. Blanton, Mrs. Darrell Jervey, Mrs. E. S. Brent. The winners were as follows: Religious Class - 1st Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Chrisley, Michaux; second Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Boelt, Fowhatan; third Mr. & Mrs. John Sullivan, Fowhatan; "Doorway" - first Mr. & Mrs. John Karrh, Clayville; second Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Montgomery, Fine Creek; third Mrs. B. E. Walthall, Ballsville; fourth Misses Sadie and Constance Johnson, Fine Creek; unclassified - first Mr. & Mrs. Percy Webb, Fowhatan; Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Blanford, Fowhatan, third Mr. & Mrs. Frances Urbine, Clayville; Mr. & Mrs. Mason Knabe, Clayville; Mr. & Mrs. Max Kilby, Jefferson.

at the door and from the food sale. The money went toward the debt of the building. The menu for the supper was planned by the county committee. Each club brought one pound of butter and 2 cans of cranberry sauce. Mrs. Jean Knabe ordered the bread from the bakery. Macaroni and cheese or au gratin potatoes were furnished by the Hopkinsville and Clayville-Moseley club; candied sweet potatoes Muddy Creek and Ballsville; salad and relish dishes - Powhatan, Fine Creek, Jefferson and Genito.

2. The Powhatan H.D. Club served the Euritan supper in March. This was a money making project for the club as well as a community service to the club.

The Genito H.D. Club served in November. The 4-H Club helped with the serving.

### 3. Outdoor Christmas Decorating contest

The county committee of Powhatan H.D. Club in 1956 sponsored the first Home Outdoor Christmas contest on a county wide scale - only two prizes were offered but so many entered the contest from every section of the county and so much enthusiasm was shown that it was decided to make it an annual affair.

This year there were three classes: Religious, Doorway and Unclassified. Through the cooperation of business firms and merchants in the county there was a first, second, third and fourth prize in each class. There was a wide variety of prizes -

2. How does your child help in promoting good family living?
  - a. How do we help children to learn to behave satisfactory?
3. In what ways have you helped or hindered your child

to make his greatest contribution?

C. To understand teen-agers and the part they play in the family group.

1. What is expected behavior for the younger and the older teenagers in the community?
2. What effect is this behavior having upon the physical and mental well being of the child.
3. What contribution are the teen agers making to family life?
4. What ways are we helping or hindering the teen-agers in making a greater contribution to the family? to the community?

In December the club held programs pertaining to Family Recreation. The Powhatan Club had a covered dish supper. All the family members were invited. After the supper everyone participated in games. The Genito and Clayville-Moseley club had a family supper. The Belleville Club a family luncheon. The Family Life leaders gave the outline of the years work to their members in January. This was also printed in the year book.

C. H.D. Club Community Projects

1. The annual Holiday Buffet Dinner Dance was held December 28. The H.D. women were again asked to donate food for buffet. Approximately 275 were served and \$450.00 was taken in

A few leaders have carried through and made beautiful cards for their family to send at Christmas.

Each H.D. club lady made some party favors which seemed to interest them more than card making. The majority thought too much was involved in card making and were uninterested.

The Fine Creek H.D. club combined the demonstration "Christmas Cards" and "Christmas Wrapping" - one of their club member - Mrs. W. E. Davies had experience in demonstrating wrapping.

6. Family Life (Federation Program of Work)

Aim: To stimulate interest and understanding of the importance of a satisfactory relationship between family members.

A. To understand ourselves as parts of this satisfactory family living.

1. What type of people live easily and well in family life?

2. Which of these traits do we as club members have? Which ones do we need to develop?

3. How do we rid ourselves of undesirable traits and develop desirable ones?

B. To understand small children and the part they play in the family group.

1. What is satisfactory behavior for small children at different size levels in the family?

Club ladies have reported that they tried the "dishes" that they learned at their club demonstration and the family has thoroughly enjoyed them along with outdoor fellowship.

Approximately 85% of the ladies who saw the demonstration have tried at least one dish.

5. Rural Arts - Christmas Cards etc.

Objective:

a. To help the homemaker with ideas on making her own Christmas cards, gifts etc.

Procedure:

1. Leaders were selected from the H.D. Clubs.
2. Miss Catherine Peery, Rural Arts specialist conducted a leader training workshop on making of Christmas Cards.
3. Each leader resented the demonstration to her club.
4. Publicity has been given by newspaper as well as everyday conversation.

The following ladies attended the leader training workshop on "Christmas Cards on October 3: Mrs. Eva Natherland, Ballsville; Mrs. Darrell Jervey, Fine Creek; Mrs. Edith Parker, Fowhatan; Mrs. Eleanore Reames, Mrs. W. E. Moles, Mrs. Edith Cosner, Hopkinsville; Mrs. Homer Willis, Jefferson; Mrs. Glenn Symmons, Genito Club.

Mrs. Peery gave her demonstration on the actual making of Christmas cards and some party ideas. The ladies then practiced making cards.

The ladies took measures and followed the charts to find the new pattern size. Many ladies were surprised to find their pattern size. A number of ladies have purchased patterns as charts measurement showed their size and have been well satisfied as a result.

4. Foods

a. Outdoor Cookery

Objective:

a. With more "outdoor living" being done all the time we hope to stress more family living with this topic.

b. To <sup>teach</sup> ~~teach~~ the women new and different recipes on "dishes" that they can try outside.

Procedures:

1. The agent presented the demonstration the H.D. clubs.
2. Publicity was given by newspaper of the results.
3. Club barbecues were held by some clubs.

The Powhatan H.D. Club had "Outdoor Cookery" as their demonstration for June. The club does not meet throughout the summer; therefore, it was held in the form of a chicken barbecue which also served as a social "get-together". The ladies made comments as, "I have never tasted such good chicken" and I think I will try some at home". The club worked a talk on "Outdoor Living Area" into their program.

3. Clothing

a. Altering and fitting clothing

Objective

- a. To stress the importance of correct fitting of clothing.
- b. To help women acquire some skills in altering clothes.

Procedures:

1. A leader training meeting was conducted by Bettie McClaskey, Assistant Clothing Specialist.
2. Each leader presented the demonstration to her club.
3. Charts were used and also bulletins were distributed to each club member.
4. Ladies brought articles of clothing which had alteration problems to the club meetings.

Those attending the leader training meeting on altering and fitting clothing on August 8th were Mrs. Edith Cosner, Hopkinsville; Mrs. Moyer, Mrs. T. R. Nelson, Genito; Mrs. Edith Parker, Fowhstan; Mrs. Pauline Allen, Mrs. Emma Moore, Clayville-Moseley; Miss Elizabeth Martin, Ballsville; Mrs. S. F. Piercy and Mrs. E. P. Hicks, Jefferson Club.

The H.D. ladies bought a variety of altering problems to meetings which helped to show the group along with helping the individual.

Charts were secured from pattern companies for visual aids

3. Reported meetings to local newspaper.
4. Used blackboard to give outline emphasis.

The ladies ask individual questions as follow-up of the demonstration and ask for individual aid in selecting pictures for their homes.

Objectives: Braided rugs, refinishing picture frames and  
bedspreads:

- a. To learn to make useful things for the home.
- b. Help women develop skills in these arts.

Procedure:

1. Goochland County H.D. Agent, Mrs. Eva Foster conducted meeting.
2. Publicity by newspaper and letters.
3. Used all day workshop as means of presenting demonstration.

Results:

Approximately seventeen ladies attended the workshop. The meeting was intended to be used for starting the ladies rugs. After hearing the directions for planning many felt that they did not have the type or color of fabric which they would want to use in their rugs. However, one lady made plans for her rug on paper and was ready to continue her rug following the workshop. The ladies ask many questions during the workshop and showed interest in making rugs at a later date.

As there was a change in Home Agents with an interval during which no agent worked in the county, nothing was done in "Refinishing Picture Frames" and Bedspreads.

the hammer and nails.

The leaders conducted the demonstration on "Outdoor Living Area". The demonstration was combined with "Outdoor Cookery" which was club choice by a few clubs. Following this demonstration several ladies commented that they as individual families or a number of families together had enjoyed practicing outdoor living combined with eating of food cooked in this area. The agent discussed building a fireplace with few families individually as a follow up.

2. House Furnishings:

- a. Selection of pictures and other wall decorations
- b. Braided Rugs
- c. Bedspreads - tufted or caudewich

Objective : Selection of Pictures

- a. To promote a better understanding of selecting the proper pictures and other wall decorations for the home.
- b. To help women select pictures that are for their own home.
- c. To have a better understanding of where and how to hang pictures.

Procedures:

1. Agent presented demonstration to all H.D. Clubs.
2. Used up-to-date bulletins and pamphlets one of which was summarized into a sheet by the agent as unable to secure from V.P.I. at the time.

Those present Mrs. N. E. D. Blanton, Ballsville Club; Mrs. Mildred Hatcher, Muddy Creek; Mrs. J. M. Whitlock and Mrs. B. S. Brent, Powhatan; Mrs. Ema Moore, Mrs. Ruth Hall, Clayville. Three sets of posters were provided for the leaders to have at their club meeting in March. A set of kitchen storage space savers were available for the April meeting - Mrs. Blanton said the demonstration was given in such a thorough manner it was one of the most interesting she had ever attended.

These leaders gave the demonstration on "Shelves" and "Storage" during the interval of having no H.D. agent.

Leader training meeting was conducted on "Simple Carpentry" by Mr. C. D. Wheary, Agricultural Engineering Specialist. During this meeting a book case and bedside table were constructed. Each lady had a hand in constructing the items. The club leaders were giving the demonstration on "Simple Carpentry" when the new agent came into the county. Included in this demonstration were simple things as how to use a hammer and how to hold a nail while hammering. Many ladies commented that they never dreamed of having a certain way to hold a hammer and nail while using them. One leader made a flower stand which was different from the leader trainin<sup>E</sup> construction of bedside table and book case. She used the same principles but made what she thought would be more useful to her.

At some of the H.D. meetings each lady had a hand in using the hammer and nails.

to give training to these leaders.

4. Secured up-to-date materials and bulletins on these subjects. Had these materials available to leaders for their meetings.

Those attending the leader training meeting on "Planning the House for Family Needs" and "Selecting Interior Paints" on December 11 were Mrs. Bobby Yates, Mrs. C. N. Klam, Powhatan Club, Mrs. R. D. Southern, Fine Creek Club, Mrs. E. P. Hicks, Mrs. Edward Tilman and Mrs. Frances Adams Jefferson Club, Mrs. Bagby Jones, Mrs. Charlie DeNoon, Muddy Creek Club, and Mrs. Ruth Hall Clayville-Moseley. Each of these leaders gave the demonstration to their clubs.

An outline on "Planning the House for Family Needs" was given each leader. The Specialist left a flannel board unit for the leaders.

The second demonstration was on "Selecting Interior Paints" - Mr. Gabb and Mr. Weatherford, guest speakers from Benjamin Moore Paint Company discussed the topic and showed a movie entitled "Color in your Life", Miss Settle summarized these talks and showed a set of posters she had - a set of posters was made by the agent for the leaders use.

The Powhatan Club had Mr. Gabb and Mr. Weatherford as their guest speaker at their club meeting.

The leader training meeting on "Shelves for many Purposes" and "Kitchen Storage" was held in the bank basement on February 26th. Miss Mary Settle gave the demonstrations.

B. Project Work:

1. Housing

- a. Planning the House for Family Needs.
- b. Selecting Interior Paints.
- c. Shelves for many purposes.
- d. Kitchen storage to save time and energy.
- e. Simple carpentry
- f. Outdoor Living Area.

Objectives:

- a. To get the homemakers to understand the importance of buying good paints and paints suitable for a particular job.
- b. Help the women see the need for shelves for proper storage and to apply this knowledge.
- c. To help homemakers learn some of the simple jobs of carpentry around the house without waiting for husband or repairman.
- d. Develop more outdoor living area in the county to help stress "families doing things together".

Procedures:

1. Had leaders selected from each club to receive training on the topics.
2. Used these leaders to train club members.
3. Had Miss Mary B. Settle, Home Improvement Specialist

#### 4. Home Economics Committee

There is one committee formed on clothing. There are four members - Mrs. B. S. Brent, Mrs. L. N. Clark, Mrs. E. P. Hicks and Mrs. J. A. Tilman III.

Goal: a. To help homemakers and children to understand the importance of care of clothing.

b. To establish a family exchange of clothing.

Methods: a. Plan to make a clothing survey in the school.

b. Have special sewing classes.

c. Publicize work of committee.

d. Help with demonstrations in clubs on altering clothing.

#### 5. County H.D. club committee

The county H.D. club committee is the planning and executive body representing the Virginia Federation of H.D. Clubs at the county level. The presidents, vice-presidents, county Federation goal chairmen and other key women in the H.D. clubs constitute this committee.

The committee held a meeting in December and October. The committee also met in May for the important duty of program planning. The committee also promotes the program throughout the year and asserts in getting reports on years accomplishments. The committee worked on the annual outdoor decorating contest at Christmas and other similar events.

At the present time there is no industry in the county and most of the people find work in Richmond and commute. The club women have just finished a survey of the county to see how many women would be interested in employment if an industry could be secured in the county. This industry would mean that many would be employed in the county as well as others already employed.

A drug store recently opened in the village of Fowhatan which has helped people secure drugs and other articles which they would otherwise have to secure in Richmond.

### III. County Extension Program - Adult

#### A. Organization

##### 1. County agricultural extension service board

We have no county agricultural extension service in the county now. As soon as some of the committees get well established, it is planned to start a county agricultural extension service board.

##### 2. Home Economics Council

No organized council exists at the present time. When special interest committee gets fully organized it is planned to get the council organized.

##### 3. General Interest Committees

No specific plans for a general interest committee, however, quite a bit of interest has been shown in water systems and could be a possibility for a committee.

I. Highlights of 1958 Program

The 4-H clubs in the county cooperated in organizing a 4-H County Council. With the exception of one girl there was 100% attendance at the organizational meeting.

The 4-H clubs continued participation in the "Seven County Parade". They cooperated with business organization in decorating float.

Home Demonstration leaders continued to carry on the H.D. program during an interval of four months while there was no Home Agent in the county. Since it is customary for the Home Agent to attend the majority of H.D. meetings, this accomplishment was especially outstanding.

II. Brief statement of the county situation

Powhatan County is a small county with a population of only 5,556 (according to 1950 census). Of this 5,556, 3,136 are white and 2,420 non white. According to the 1954 census of agriculture there were 599 farms which averaged 156.3 acres in size.

Agriculture is the chief industry. Milk is the leading source of cash farm income and account for nearly fifty percent of the total. Cattle and calves rank second in value of farm products sold and accounts for 18% of the total. Poultry, including chickens, eggs, and turkeys supply about 16% of the total.

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