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III. SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The 1949 Home Demonstration and 4-H Club programs were designed to make farm living more satisfying. In the Home Demonstration Clubs, this was accomplished through the Federation Goal, "Art in Daily Living". The most outstanding accomplishment this year has been in club leadership. Seventy-five per cent of the club leaders attended the leader training meetings; 14 of the 17 clubs gave the goal of six demonstrations each.

A. Improvements in Housing

Water has been installed in 25 homes. Thirty have installed furnaces. Seventeen homes have been remodeled for convenience and comfort. One hundred and sixty-two yards have been improved by planting, re-landscaping and repairing of out-buildings.

B. Homes Made More Attractive

Five hundred and thirty-two changes were made in re-arrangement of furniture for attractiveness and convenience.

C. Baking With Home Products

Seven hundred and thirty-three improvements were made in the use of recipes which give better results. Through this project these families are serving foods that improve the health of their families.

D. Reaching Non-members

Two thousand one hundred and thirty-nine non-members have been reached by active club members through the information materials given and helpful suggestions.

E. Publicity

Twelve of the 17 Home Demonstration Clubs regularly reported their story in local papers. Six 4-H Clubs regularly reported. Agent had two articles a week in the local papers.

F. 4-H Work

An active 4-H Council has been set up this year. It has planned the County objectives with the purpose of making the club work improve. Twenty-two adult leaders assisted all year with five temporary leaders assisting in summer projects. This is an increase of 16 over 1948.

G. Growth in Club Membership

Membership in the Home Demonstration Clubs has increased by 55. There are 32 new members enrolled in 4-H Clubs. The quality has been stressed rather than quantity as members must have all project work completed before the membership could be counted as such.

H. Community and Health Achievements

One hundred per cent cooperation has been given to all health and welfare organizations as well as civic groups and clubs. Specific work has been done in schools and churches.

IV. ADULT

A. Project Work

1. Home Improvement

The purpose of this program was to help the homemakers develop a finer appreciation of beauty, economic values and comfort that can be brought into the homes through methods, skills, and use of materials on hand.

a. Rugs

The leaders training meeting held on rug making was attended by leaders from 13 clubs. Seventy-one rugs were completed and 237 club members were given instruction on rug making by leaders. The leaders gave 16 method demonstrations on rug making.

b. Furniture Arrangement

Twelve clubs were represented at the leader training meeting given by

the Agent on the arrangement of furniture. The materials used were from Miss Ruth Jamison, Extension Specialist. The leaders gave 16 method demonstrations to 215 club members. Results are that 285 rooms have been arranged for comfortable and attractive living.

c. Pictures and Frames

Agent gave 16 method demonstrations to 278 club members. Three hundred and six frames were refinished. There were 285 improvements made in re-arrangement and replacing subjects of pictures. Instruction materials were given each member obtained from the Extension Service.

d. Flower Arrangement

Sixteen method demonstrations were given to learn how to arrange flowers more attractively and to make small arrangements by Home Agent and Garden Club members. Information used came from Extension Service, Cocola and Garden Clubs.

Two hundred and thirty-two club members have reported the help they have received from this instruction. Most of them say they had previously used too many flowers in arrangement. Results from this training show in the Garden Club exhibits.

2. Food Preparation

The purpose of this project was to learn how to improve cakes, breads, and pies using home products. Fourteen of the 17 clubs were present at the leader training meeting held by Mrs. Mary Thompson, Foods Specialist from Blacksburg. Fifteen method demonstrations were given by the leaders on cakes. Three hundred and forty-two members have reported satisfactory results obtained by using the basic cakes made by Mrs. Thompson. The leaders gave 17 method demonstrations on bread making. Three hundred and nineteen members have found the Sally Lunn popular with their families. The Agent gave 18 method demonstrations on pies. Two hundred and ten members are using the pie recipes from Extension Service and Agent.

a. Party Refreshments

Sixteen method demonstrations were given to learn how to prepare simple party refreshments to 305 club members and 19 visitors by the Home Agent. The meringues and pulled mints proved interesting as they could be prepared ahead of the time needed. One hundred and sixty-eight members have served them. Information materials were obtained from Extension Service and Agent.

3. Federation Goal
"Art in Daily Living"

To obtain a deeper appreciation for Christmas music, ten of the 16 clubs were represented at the leader training meeting held by Miss Catherine Peery, Rural Arts Specialist, on November 20th. Sixteen method demonstrations were given by the Federation Goal Chairmen which consisted of carols, folk songs, and Hymns with stories of each; the Messiah and a Candlelight Service. The latter was contributed by Miss Peery. Carol Booklets were obtained from New York Mutual Life Ins. Co. The musical records used were loaned by club members and local music store. Two hundred and fifty-five members and 73 visitors participated.

Other accomplishments were:

- 5 clubs organized choral clubs
- 1 club gave a program on Steven Foster
- 2 clubs gave two programs on Fanny Crosby
- 1 club adapted the Candlelight Service used at Christmas to an Easter Service

Twelve clubs used the Candlelight Service suggested by Miss Peery. Other material used: Art Principles from Miss Peery; Carol Booklets, Records and Messiah from Agent. As some of the method demonstrations were carrying out the goals for the Federation Goal, the Chairman's report included them.

Report of Federation Goal Chairman

Club _____ Date _____ (September)

1. What phases of the goal did your club stress? Check.
 1. Drama
 2. Poetry
 3. Music (Club and Home)
 4. Crafts
 5. Picture Study
 6. Nature Study
 7. Radio Programs
 8. Flower Arrangement
2. Describe what was done in each of above:
 - 1.
 2. Etc.
3. Did your club hold any of the following?
 1. Exhibits
 2. Leader training meeting
 3. County wide meeting
 4. Tours (Flower gardens, museums)
4. What phases of the program did your club like best?
5. What different organizations did your club work with? (church, garden club, school, 4-H)
6. Would your club like to continue this goal?

B. Other Activities

1. Community Activities

All clubs have met the immediate needs in their own communities. Three hundred and fifteen dollars has been spent for welfare in aids to indigent families, school children, aged and losses by fire. Eight clubs have clothing banks which are kept replenished by club members and friends. These are given out as the need arises. One hundred and ninety-seven garments and nineteen pair of shoes gave much comfort to many families. Max Meadows keeps all children in the lower grades at school furnished with shoes who are unable to buy them.

a. Miscellaneous Activities of Clubs

102 feed sack garments and 115 sacks were donated to the Save the Children Federation. Henley Club won special recognition for sending the most suitable donation.

- 6 gallons of cod liver oil were bought for the Public Health Dept.
- 7 clubs furnished transportation of children to the pre-school clinics.
- \$23. was donated to the Cripple Children's Fund.
- \$73. was donated to the Cancer Fund.
- \$15. was donated to the T. B. Association.
- All clubs joined the American Red Cross.
- All clubs keep alert for any emergency aid recommended by the County Welfare and Health Departments.
- 1400 contacts have been made to the sick and shut-ins. These are made by call, visitation, and cards.
- 8 scrapbooks have been made for the Veterans' Hospital.
- 30 baskets were sent to shut-ins at Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- All clubs gave \$2.00 each to the 4-H Council to be used for their Achievement Day plans.

b. Other Activities

The "crowning" community activity was the Chamber of Commerce Picnic held July 21 at the Carter Memorial Park under the auspices of the Wythe Home Demonstration Clubs. Fourteen of the 16 clubs participated with donations of food and services. The proceeds, \$500.00, were allocated to these clubs in proportion to donations, club membership and participation. These clubs will use this money in their community service work.

PUBLICITY

THE CARTER PARK DEDICATION

The dedication of the new and improved Carter Memorial Wayside, familiarly known as Carter Park is one of the most significant and outstanding events of the past quarter of a century to take place in Wythe County. Wednesday will mark another mile stone in the progress and steady onward march that Wythe County is making.

The park today is rated as the best of any wayside in the state, and its ever increasing popularity gives mute testimony of the wide area served, and the hundreds, yea thousands that every year will enjoy its facilities. With an ever increasing popularity of the park almost a fact, the possibility of additional facilities for the future are not impossible or impartial.

The story back of Carter Memorial as it is in 1949, is a long one. It is the same kind of story that can be told when progress is made, and things are accomplished. It is a story of persistency of purpose, and of a cooperative group of State officials, aware of a need, and willing to listen at least to the plans and suggestions of the Chamber of Commerce directors, who have only one unselfish purpose—to make Wythe County the best in Virginia.

The importance of the Carter Park and the appreciation of such facilities free gratis is revealed in the names appearing on the guest list. From Abingdon to Roanoke, and north to Bluefield, there will be distinguished citizens and civic leaders that will be present, thus giving a concrete expression of appreciation for the accomplishment. Further

proof of the fact that the new Carter Wayside marks another mile stone on the road to progress is the fact that one of the most distinguished members of Congress, the Hon. Thomas B. Stanley will deliver the principal address, and Virginia's Highway Department Landscaping Engineer H. J. Neal, Chief Engineer C. E. Mullens, and Associate Landscaping Engineer, R. L. Nicar will also be present, and have a part on the program in support of the accomplishments to date.

But aside from the above facts there is also another important factor as far as Wythe Countians are concerned that will have a very prominent part in the dedicatory exercises. We speak of the outstanding example of cooperation that is being shown on the part of the citizens of this county. From every nook and corner of Wythe today there are groups of women busy making sandwiches and preparing a picnic lunch to be served to the throngs. With some three hundred women representing sixteen Home Demonstration Clubs, and some four hundred members from the Chamber of Commerce, from every community in the county, as well as dozens of people who have devoted time and effort to success of the occasion, as well as given financial backing, we restate that is a story of a oneness of spirit that has never before in the history of Wythe been surpassed. It is an example to proof to the world that Wythe Countians are united in effort, willing to work long and hard at any assigned task, and that whatever job they undertake it will be a job well done.

PUBLICITY

Scenes at "Wythe County Fellowship Day" And Carter Park Dedication



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PICNIC BIG SUCCESS.—Approximately 2,000 persons gathered Wednesday afternoon for the dedication of Carter Memorial Wayside and the annual Wythe County Fellowship Day, sponsored by the Wythe Chamber of Commerce. The principal address was by Rep. Thomas B. Stanley. In the top left picture, a Wythe County housewife prepares to hurl a rolling pin in one of the contests held during the recreational period. Highway Department officials are shown in the top right, with James A. Williams, president of the Wythe County Chamber of Commerce, left to right, E. Neale, R. L. Nisar, C. S. Mullen, and F. E. Hood. In the bottom

left picture the band is shown, and a portion of the huge throng present. Members of sixteen Home Demonstration Clubs are shown preparing the picnic supper in the bottom right. (Photo Courtesy of the Roanoke Times).

2. Federation Goal

Ten of the 17 clubs were represented at the leader training meeting held in November by Miss Catherine Peery, Rural Arts Specialist. Several suggestions were worked out to be used for the December method demonstrations on Music Appreciation.

The Federation Goal Chairmen set up the following outline which was used all year:

December . . . . .	.Christmas Music
Jan. & Feb. . . . .	.Learn County Song, "A Song of Peace"
March . . . . .	.Bird Study
April . . . . .	.Wild Flowers
May . . . . .	.Poem on Spring
June . . . . .	.Rural Picture Study
July . . . . .	.Trees
Sept. & Oct. . . . .	.Winter Bouquets
November . . . . .	.Good Radio Program

3. Special Meetings

a. District Federation and National Home Demonstration Week

Ten of the sixteen clubs were represented at the District Federation meeting, May 3rd, at Lebanon.

b. Institute Rural Affairs

Seven clubs were represented at the Institute. Five clubs sent delegates who attended all the meetings. A total of 42 Wythe County people attended some of the sessions.

c. Achievement Day In Grayson County

Agent and representatives from two clubs attended the Achievement Day in Grayson County in March.

d. Fall Planning Meeting

The Fall Planning Meeting was held September 29th with all 17 clubs represented and five guests present. (Honorary members of county committee are invited.) (A new club has been organized) (Program attached below)

FALL PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING - Sept. 29, 1949
Mrs. E. S. Fontaine, County Chairman, Presiding

- 1. Greetings and purpose of the meeting Mrs. Fontaine
- 2. Devotional Mrs. Gardner (Barren Springs Club)
- 3. Growth and Development of Work in Wythe County Miss Sullenger
- 4. Reports on Club Requests for 1950 Program Dev. Chairman
- 5. Discussion and Program Planning Miss Edith M. Vaughan,
District Agent

Lunch

Business Meeting:

- 1. Report of Secretary Mrs. Ratcliff
- 2. Report of Treasurer Mrs. Collins
- 3. Report on Institute Rural Affairs Mrs. Fontaine,
County Delegate to Institute
- 4. Committee Reports
 - A. Nominating
 - B. Yearbook Mrs. James (Speedwell Club)
 - C. Achievement Mrs. Porter (Speedwell Club)
- 5. Instruction Parliamentary Procedures Mrs. James, Vice-Pres.

e. Program Development Leaders

Mrs. Kate Hoge, Montgomery County Home Agent, met with 13 of the 16 clubs in April to give them instructions on their activities. The Agent led them in discussion on the needs of Wythe County using the Census Trend Sheet as basis. The outline attached was worked out by the leaders and served as a guide for the Club meetings to follow. It proved to be very helpful as it gave each something specific to do each month.

SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPEMENT LEADERS

- May ----- Get Information on County
1. Organizations in Community
 2. Number churches
 3. Number people who attend church regularly
 4. List industries in county
 5. Types of agriculture
 6. Number high schools and graded schools
- June ----- Needs (As Listed By Program Development Leaders)
1. More wiring rural homes
 2. More telephones - clean up limbs that are cut by telephone company
 3. Better roads - clean up road entrances
 4. Beautify homes and surroundings
 5. Better eating habits of school children
 6. Help people become more church conscious
 7. Get older youth interested in Extension Program
 - a. Choral Clubs
 - b. Older Youth Organization - 4-H
- July ----- Make List Activities -- Club Goals
- Demonstrations Needed and Wanted
- August ----- Get July's Lists Ready For County Committee Meeting
- September ----- Attend County Committee Meeting September 29th With Present President and Incoming President.
- October ----- Present 1950 Program to Club -- Select Club Choices For 1950 (Lists Not Included in 1950 Program)

f. Health Chairmen

The Agent met with the Health Chairmen from all the clubs. A timely health topic was chosen for each month and a bulletin on the subject, obtained from the Public Health Department was given each chairman from which to prepare a short report for each club meeting. Ten of the clubs followed this plan.

g. Secretary Training

Secretary training was given by the Agent on keeping minutes and valuable information on the club activities. The outline below is the form set up for the October report:

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Club _____ Date _____ (October)

1. Description of Community Projects:

2. Description Health Projects:

3. County contribution and state dues paid _____.
4. Number attended Institute Rural Affairs _____.
5. Number attended District Federation _____.
6. Started meeting on time _____.
7. Members taking notes on demonstrations _____.
8. Number demonstrations given by leaders _____ to other groups _____.
9. Number leader training meetings attended _____.
10. President of Club or representative at both county committee meetings _____.
11. Average attendance at club meetings _____.
12. Increase in club membership _____. Present membership _____.
13. Furnish active leaders in 4-H Club _____.
14. Make totals on accomplishment report from the club members.
15. Send best Accomplishment Report to Agent.

h. Regional Library

Eleven of the 17 clubs have made regular use of the Bookmobile. Approximately 850 books have been read from this source. Each club has a chairman who keeps lists of books wanted and checks them out for the members. The Chairman meets the Bookmobile on schedule and returns the books as they are read. Popular books are exchanged among the members.

1. Achievement Day Committee

The Achievement Committee planned the details for the Annual County Achievement Day which was held October 28th. Well arranged exhibits were shown and dinner was served to 157 by the women of the Presbyterian church.

Noted Outstanding

PUBLICITY

Story of Accomplishments of H. D. Clubs Told; Achievement Day Held



MRS. N. F. SPRAKER

D. Achievement Awards Announced

Mrs. N. F. Spraker, of Henley Home Demonstration Club, was awarded the honor pin for outstanding work as a club woman homemaker at the Achievement program held Friday.

Mrs. Spraker attended all club singing and put into practice instruction learned. Information received by her was passed on to a rural family, who in turn passed on to their friends. This made information gained far reach.

Major improvements made Mrs. Spraker's home during the year were: Installation of kitchen sink, bath room added, electric lighting and living room decorated. Mrs. Spraker is also very active in community activities.

Others who received recognition were: Mrs. A. L. Porter, Speedwell; Mrs. E. H. Ratcliffe, Lebanon; Mrs. Jackson Trail; Mrs. Charles G. Petunala, and Mrs. L. G. Fey, Rural Retreat.

The Sunday School rooms at the Presbyterian Church were made to look like gift shops Friday night when exhibits of flower arrangements, hand made articles and cakes, pies, light bread and candy from home kitchens were shown from various County Home Demonstration clubs.

At 6:30 P. M. approximately one hundred and sixty club members and friends were served a delicious meal by the Ladies of the Presbyterian church.

The program opened by singing America The Beautiful" followed by prayer led by Rev. Warren J. Conrad, D. D.

B. L. Hummel in his address, "Farm Life in America as Seen From Abroad," first dealt with China, where he pictured life and some of its problems. Then his talk led to Europe and he gave a word picture of people and condi-

tions of each country he was privileged to visit the past summer. He urged full cooperation with the CROPP program.

Miss Edith Vaughan made awards to the clubs having the highest score for standard clubs:

The Rural Retreat club was in first place and was awarded the gavel for having a score of 93 points on club work, and the Bethel club was in second place with 90 points. Mrs. N. F. Spraker of the Henley Club was awarded a pin for outstanding club work.

Points for standard clubs are as follows: 1. For worthy contribution to health improvement in community, 15; 2. Club with greatest number of demonstrations by leaders, 20; 3. Clubs with a representative at all leaders' training meetings, 10; 4. President or representative present at all County Home Demonstration Committee

meetings, 10; 5. Community project planned and carried out by October 1st, 19; 6. Greatest increase in new (active) members, 10; 7. Average attendance at club meetings, 10; 8. Club represented at the Institute of Rural Affairs, 5; 9. Club furnishing leaders for 4-H Clubs, 10.

The Fairview-Mt. Pleasant and Max Meadows clubs are still outstanding in club work, but were not in competition this year for the gavel as they were winners last year.

Preceding the supper, courages were presented Misses Irene Martin, Leota Sullenger, Edith Vaughan and Mrs. E. S. Fontaine with the compliments of The Flower Shop.

Many of the clubs amused the audience with stunts after the awards were made.

j. Pressure Canner Clinic

A pressure canner clinic was held in March in cooperation with the Farmer's Home Administration. Eighty-seven pressure canners were tested.

k. Special Club Meetings

(1) Fairview-Mt. Pleasant Club had a meeting in June for the purpose of learning how to make shell jewelry. A method demonstration was given by Mrs. Green from Bluefield, W. Va.

(2) Petunia held a meeting in August to learn how to make reed trays. Miss Hazel Sharitz gave a method demonstration to 23 members. Nine trays were completed.

l. Home Demonstration Club Meeting on Markets

Ten clubs met with Mr. Maxton, Extension Agr. Economist, in September to learn how HDC markets are operated. He explained them using Staunton Market as an example. The club representatives will discuss the question with their clubs and a vote will be taken later. If they want one, they will consult Mrs. Thompson, Food Specialist, as to details.

m. Farm and Home Unit Demonstration

Wythe County has one demonstration in progress, Mrs. Horace Sharitz. Miss Helen Alverson, Home Management Specialist and Miss Amelia Fuller, Farm and Home Unit Specialist, have assisted agent in making plans with Mrs. Sharitz. The Agent has made regular home visits to assist in carrying out plans. Some progress has been made, but she is not ready to show many results.

V. 4-H CLUB

A. Project Work

The 4-H Club projects selected for 1949 were Foods, Clothing, Room Improvement, Gardens, Yard Improvement, and Poultry. The purpose of these projects were to teach and encourage 4-H Club girls to take all interest and carry some of the

responsibilities of the tasks that come with home making.

The projects also gave the girls a finer appreciation of family life and guided them into a knowledge of values in both workmanship and the keeping of records.

There were 307 4-H club girls in Wythe County in 1949 carrying a total of 528 projects.

1. Clothing

a. "So You'd Like to Sew"

The purpose of this project was to teach 4-H club girls the first fundamental steps in sewing. This was carried during the winter months and short demonstrations were given by the Agent and assisted by local leaders who had been given individual training.

Results were that 140 girls took this project in the winter with 107 completing. A total of 495 articles and garments were made.

b. Care of Clothing

"The care of clothing project" was conducted during the year with the home agent giving method demonstrations assisted by 4-H leaders, some of whom had individual training. Eighty-seven girls were enrolled in this project and 53 completed.

A total of 1,874 jobs were done to keep clothes in order. One hundred and thirty swaters were blocked which meant a saving of \$40 in this job alone.

c. Make and Remake Clothing

The home agent worked with the 23 girls carrying this project by giving method demonstrations, holding all day clinics, and giving individual assistance.

Results were that 17 girls completed the project and made 24 dresses and skirts from feed sacks. This project had an economic saving of \$30 for these club members.

2. Foods

a. Food Preparation

The food preparation project was carried during the summer months by 144 club members with 124 completing.

Demonstrations were given by the home agent followed by work done by the girls in the home.

Results are that 124 families are now having more nutritious and better planned meals. During the three months of project work these club girls planned 503 meals alone and prepared and served vegetables, eggs and baked goods 1790 times.

Perhaps the most outstanding accomplishment of this project was that the club members gave 119 demonstrations at club meetings, either in their homes and to non club members.

b. Breads

Bread making was carried by 53 club girls in 1949 with 7 demonstrations given by leaders and Agent. Results were that 33 club girls completed the project and yeast breads were baked 1112 times following recipes and instructions given by the Extension Service.

c. Food Preservation

Eight of the 12 girls carrying Food Preservation as a project completed. Following method demonstrations, a total of 448 quarts of fruits and vegetables canned.

The value of these canned foods is \$90.00.

3. Yard Improvements

Eighteen chose this project with 14 completing. The projects were given through home visits by Agent and guidance of subject matter supplied from the Extension Service.

Results:

Yards kept mowed	4
Replantings done . . . . .	.10
Annual flower beds . . . . .	.16
Controlled pests	5

4. Gardens

Twenty-one girls carried the garden project with only three having records completed.

5. Poultry

Fourteen members carried the poultry project during the summer. Records show that only six completed the project. Ten houses were repaired; 6 girls cared for houses and lots; 750 chickens were fed and cared for. Five of these club girls' records showed profits.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES


1. County Council

On March 5th, the first meeting of the council was held. Forty-four club officers and ten leaders were present. The Council officers were elected and plans were made for Achievement Day which will be held November 5th. A discussion was held on 4-H club standards with emphasis made on record making.

Eight leaders and 2 members were present at the second council meeting held October 1st. Plans were completed for Achievement Day to be held November 5th. The following program was drawn up:

Program:

4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY
 WYTHEVILLE COURTHOUSE AUDITORIUM
 November 5, 1949 2:00 P.M.





4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY



Gladey Chrisley, Presiding

Opening Song "America The Beautiful"

4-H Pledge

Devotional Miss Hazel Sharitz

Club Roll Call County Council Secretary

County 4-H Camp Jake Pope

State Short Course Mrs. Richard Huddle, Jr.

County Baby Beef Show George B. Simmerman, Jr.

Song "My Hat It Has Three Corners"

District Baby Beef Show Buster Wilson

Entertainment

All Star Recognition Miss Berlyn Marshall

Introduction of Speaker P. E. Bird

Extension Speaker W. A. Turner,
Asst. State Boys' 4-H Club Agent

Girls' 4-H Summary Miss Irene Martin

Boys' 4-H Summary P. E. Bird

Presentation of Awards

Announcements

Closing Song "4-H Trail".

(Exhibits in Charge of Leaders and Presidents of All Clubs)

Ushers - Rural Retreat, Lebanon, Austinville 4-H Clubs

Song Leader - Faye Shinault

2. Achievement Day

4-H Achievement Day was held November 5th at 2:00 P. M. in the Wytheville Courthouse. One hundred and forty members, leaders, and friends were present. Exhibits were displayed by 11 4-H clubs. Special recognition was given to outstanding club members and leaders.

Clippings:

4-H Achievement Day To Be Held Here Sat.

W. A. Turner Will Be Guest Speaker

Awards To Be Given To Wythe County Youths

Celebration of National 4-H Club Week will begin in Wythe County with the annual Achievement Day program to be held Saturday, November 5, at 2 P. M. in the Court House. The guest speaker will be W. A. Turner, State Assistant Boys' 4-H Agent.

Reports of the various phases of the work will be heard along with music and other entertainment. Special awards will be made in all lines of club work done by the members with special recognition being given the work of the leaders.

Exhibits will be on display from all the clubs and should prove of interest to all.

"All members of 4-H clubs are expected to attend, and all parents of members are urged to attend, and persons interested in the development of our boys and girls are invited," an officer of the county council stated in making the above announcement.

HUNDREDS OF YOUTHS TO MEET IN WYTHEVILLE

Elaborate Program Telling Story Of Accomplishments Planned

The members of the various 4-H clubs in Wythe County will gather at the Court House in Wytheville on November 5 for the observance of annual Achievement Day. The program will start at 2 P. M. with Gladys Chrisley, presiding. Devotionals will be in charge of Miss Hazel Sharts.

The report of the 4-H Camp held this past summer will be given by Jake Pope, and the story of accomplishments of the Short Course will be related by Mrs. Richard Huddle, Jr.

The achievements of the various clubs during the past year will be a feature of the program which will be interspersed with musical numbers and other forms of entertainment.

The guest speaker for the occasion will be William Turner, Assistant Boys' 4-H Club Agent.

The youths who have attained the honor of All Stars will be in charge of Berlyn Marshall. The summary of the work by the Boys' 4-H will be given by county agent P. E. Bird, and the summary of work of the Girls' 4-H work will be told by Wythe County's Home Demonstration Agent, Irene Martin.

Various exhibits of the work of the various clubs will be displayed and will be in charge of the leaders and presidents of all clubs. The song leader will be Faye Shinault, and ushers for the occasion will be representatives of the Rural Beaut, Austinville and Lebanon clubs.

3. 4-H Camp

Thirteen club members, one leader and both agents attended camp at Camp Pocahuntas, Washington County the second week of June.

Mr. W. A. Turner and Miss Edith Vaughan, Extension Office, met with Agents from Wythe, Grayson, and Lee Counties in May to assist them in making plans for the camp.

4. State All-Star Conference and Short Course

Berlyn Marshall, Cripple Creek, attended the All Star Conference. Reba Patton, Speedwell 4-H, Gladey Chrisley, Ivanhoe, Berlyn Marshall and Leader, Mrs. Richard Huddle, Ivanhoe, attended the Short Course. Gladey Chrisley was made an All Star member at the conference.

5. Contests

a. County

Berlyn Marshall won the first place in the County contest on food preparation. Two pies were made for the second place.

b. District

Berlyn Marshall placed third in the District on Food Preparation.

6. Community Projects Completed

- a. Three clubs have club rooms. They are kept attractive for the use of all school clubs.
- b. Two clubs made bookcases for school room.
- c. Thirty-two toys were given to crippled children.
- d. Five clubs bought school supplies as, paper, pencil, sharpeners, pictures and flag.
- e. One club supplied a tree for the birds.
- f. All clubs gave a basket to a shut-in at Christmas.

7. National 4-H Week

Seventeen clubs observed 4-H week by having a program at club meetings and

setting up bulletin boards at school.

8. 4-H Sunday

Five clubs observed this day with short programs at Sunday School. One club gave a church talk and four local ministers mentioned 4-H work in their sermons.

9. Lamp Making

On March 2, a meeting was held with agents, Mr. C. R. Ryan and Miss Sarah Moore, Appalachian Light Specialists, to make out a schedule for the clubs to make lamps. The month of April was devoted to making lamps as planned by the Appalschian Electric Power Company. Two hundred and ninety-eight lamps were put together.

VI. OLDER YOUTH
(No Older Youth Organization)

VII. SCOPE OF WORK

Number Home Demonstration Clubs or Groups	16	17
Membership	322	365
No. 4-H Clubs	17	18
Membership	228	307
Number Older Youth Groups		
Membership		

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| 1. Number of other families reached | 1200 | 13,785 |
| 2. Total number families reached | 1540 | 14,394 |

VII. ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTING IN WORK

1. County Home Demonstration Committee

Two meetings were held during the year. The committee assisted in planning and evaluating the club program and setting up the county wide goals. Sub-committees were held as the needs arose.

2. County 4-H Council

Assisted with the planning of the 4-H Club goals, special activities, and club standards.

IX. VOLUNTEER LEADERS

1. Adult Work

a. Organizational

Two leader training meetings were given during 1949 to organizational leaders with officers of 15 of the Home Demonstration Clubs participating. Officers have developed in leadership and have presided at all club meetings.

Organizational leaders have also given service to their clubs as special club activities. The work of the county home demonstration committee has been strengthened in 1949 through the work done by these leaders.

b. Project

Project leaders have been active in the County in 1949. They have not only given demonstrations to their clubs but have taken information to non club members. The number of project leaders and goal chairman of 1949 share an increase of 32 over 1948 and the number of meetings held with out the Agent are 28 more than in 1948.

2. 4-H Work

Although all of the training given to 4-H leaders in 1949 was given through home visits, these leaders have had 53 meetings without the Agent and have had 49 more demonstrations than in 1948. There has also been an increase of 8 adult and 1 junior 4-H leaders.

3. Growth of Home Demonstration Club Project Leadership

<u>Growth of Home Demonstration Club Project Leadership</u>	1948	1949
No. project leaders and goal chairmen	48	80
No. training meetings held		
By Specialist	5	2
By Agent	6	5
Attendance at all training meetings	165	112
No. Club meetings held by leaders without Agent present.	83	111
No. Club meetings at which leaders assisted	178	121
<u>Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership</u>	1948	1949
No. Adult project leaders	14	22
No. junior project leaders	1	2
No. training meetings held		
By Specialist	2	0
By Agent	3	0
Attendance at Leader training meetings	90	0
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	0	7
No. Club meetings held by leaders without Agent present	0	53
No. Club meetings at which leaders assisted		
No. demonstrations given		
By leaders		
Adult	20	70
Junior	4	3

I. SIGNIFICANCE OF WORK

The general trend toward the mental aspect of home living was significant this year. The Home Improvement work done in all clubs showed a desire to obtain more beauty and thus a greater satisfaction in house furnishings. The Food Preparation projects and demonstrations showed a desire to improve baking using home products with less emphasis on commercial products. The effective use of the Bookmobile has contributed to the satisfaction of enrichment of rural living.

Standards in 4-H project work have been improved through the use of score cards in judging the finished articles. There has been some correlation between the HDC and 4-H through the August picnics and the 4-H doing Foods Demonstrations for the HDC. The activities tend to make better rural living because they give all age groups an opportunity to work and play together with common interests predominating.

The increased attendance at the county, District, and State meetings has brought the women and girls into contacts with other rural people and had helped to broaden their scope of living.

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WYTHE'S AGRICULTURAL VALUE

We have noted with unusual interest the progress that is being made in Wythe County by the farmers, as they have turned more and more to the full use of modern methods, equipment and ideas. In the growing of crops, raising of cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry, and the varied agricultural interests, the emphasis has been on efficiency, and the use of methods based on sound practices and expert advice. Tested seeds, tested methods to be used in production, as well as in animal breeding and raising has proven of great benefit to the farmers, and we are happy to note that Wythe agriculturists are not lacking in this respect.

Making a contribution to the new era in farming that is being ushered in, and is partly already here, are the many agencies and organizations, and not least or least in such a contribution are the efforts and untiring work of the county agent and the county home demonstration agent.

The real wealth of Wythe County as the ENTERPRISE has stressed many times in those columns can best be realized and measured in the value of the farm lands, and the yearly income from all products of same. The contribution that the tillers of the soil—the men and women—the families, who own, manage or work on the some 1800 farms in this county are making a great and lasting contribution to the prosperity and progress and future welfare of Wythe.

We are indeed happy to see this county in recent years take her place in the Old Dominion as a leader in many ways pertaining to agriculture.

The ENTERPRISE believes that the Home Demonstration Club program now being carried out is equal to any in efficiency in the state. We are convinced that the products raised, including the cattle fattened on the rich blue grass of Wythe's valleys and fields will produce as choice a T-Bone steak to serve at the Waldorf as any beef led to the slaughter pen from the plains of the west. There is no doubt but that Wythe farmers will furnish able competition in the 100 bushel per acre contest, and when the final measurements have been made the

contribution of this county will have aided Governor Tuck to meet the challenge of the North Carolina Chief Executive.

The Vocational Agriculture classes and the Veterans Farm classes compare favorably with any to be found. In fact the Agriculture classes of the Wytheville School rank as among the largest in Virginia, and a very fine and highly instructive program which will have far-reaching results for many years ahead is being offered in the Ag. classes at Rural Retreat and Jackson Memorial High.

This newspaper is not only proud, but we are very appreciative of the great contributions the farmers of this county are making to the betterment of Wythe. It is a contribution that directly or indirectly affects hundreds of citizens.

We are pleased that the Wythe County Chamber of Commerce has as one of its major objectives the improvement of the rural areas, and a definite work program for the betterment of our true and tried citizens, who reside in the rural areas.

The Chamber is to be congratulated in sponsoring the First Solely Wythe County Baby Beef Show ever staged. We trust that hundreds of the farmers will be present for the Show Saturday to be held in Wytheville. The encouragement that it will mean to the 4-H Club youngsters—the future homemakers and farmers will be great.

The Agriculture Committee of the C. of C., the FFA and FHA Chapters, the Soil Conservation Association, The Dairy Herd Improvement Association, the Farm Bureau, the 4-H Clubs, H. D. Clubs, and the many other interests, clubs and organizations that are devoting time and study to the improvement of farming methods is a clear indication and tells a story of Wythe's Great Agriculture Value. We proudly salute the tillers of the soil, and for the hundreds of farmers, and their families, we hope for a continued program of growth, study and improvements in methods that will be an assurance of a prosperous county.

