

General Appraisal of County Extension
Home Economics Program

The Extension Home Economics program showed that families need and desire help in better planning and management of family resources.

The advantages gained from the selected activities included:

1. An opportunity to express their needs
2. Learning what other families needed
3. Arriving at some agreement as to which need was greatest county-wide
4. Deciding when and how such needs would appear in the County Extension Home Economics Program
5. Extension and participation of volunteer Community and club leadership
6. Through teaching activities and learning experiences, good choices were emphasized for decision making and better family living.

General Appraisal of County Extension
1963 Agricultural Program

Our aim was to interest and serve as many people as possible in planning and managing their resources, and in helping them to accomplish their goals.

It was a job of presenting better farm management practices thru an educational program based on experiment station results and facts, with the choice of alternatives and decisions left to them. Our most responsive approach was through special interest groups and Commodity Committees.

Interested local leadership participation with enthusiasm is essential for greatest accomplishment. This proved to be true in the various extension activities of the past year.

Special night meetings are held which are interesting and informative. For example, Mr. Thad Williams, professional horse trainer, has worked closely with these meetings and has prepared information of special interest for the children and adults who attend. In fact, an observer might wonder if it were a meeting for adults or for children if he were to merely survey the crowd at such a one, or all "Boots and Saddle Club" meetings.

Such is the active interest and participation of both children and adults that it has become the most popular and fastest growing project in Wythe County.

4-H
Success Story

The most popular project in Wythe County today is the Light Horse and Pony Club. It has increased its enrollment from 69, when organized, to 80 during its first year. There were three adult leaders when it began, and now it has eight. No other club activity has the degree of parent participation evident in the "Boots and Saddle Club".

Project leaders are: Mrs. Wythe C. Morris, Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Umberger, Mr. John L. Sutherland, Mr. Tommy Jones, and C. J. Umberger.

During the spring and summer, club members trained and exhibited their mounts successfully in several local shows and went on to the State 4-H Horse Show to win 18 ribbons and 4 State Championships.

Trail rides were organized in the fall and proved to be very popular. Families of the riders would meet at the end of the trail for a picnic supper with the riders. Such was the interest that 28 riders turned out for the last ride of the season on a day that was cold, windy and streaked with snow flurries. There were about 50 members of their families and friends present for the hamburger fry and hot dog roast which followed the ride. What other project would bring so many people out on such a day?

Upon completion of each demonstration, members were requested to name one new thing learned from observation of Easier and Simplified Home Laundry Methods. The question was worded: "What did I teach new to you in this demonstration?" Members gave the following answers:

1. The value of hot water in washing clothes clean
2. Importance of sorting clothes according to color, soil, and fabric texture and finishes
3. The value of measurements related to detergents, softeners, and bleaches
4. How to use liquid hair shampoo for treating grease spots
5. The preferred use of low sudsing detergents in automatic washers
6. Difference between high sudsing and low sudsing detergent
7. How to wash dacron
8. What to buy and how to use a water softener in family laundry
9. Easy way to soak clothes to aid in removing heavy dirt
10. How clothes can be damaged by overuse of bleaches
11. Importance of following manufacturer's directions in use of laundry equipment
12. Wrinkles are hard to remove if clothes are overdried in a clothes dryer.

The above answers to "What Did I Teach New to You in this Demonstration?" was proof the demonstration was a felt need. It showed them how to follow a method in practicing better management in meeting the needs of doing the Family Laundry.

Success Story
(Home Economics)

Easy and Simplified Laundry Methods was a method and discussion demonstration. Request was made by Home Demonstration Committee because it was a "felt need" by all organized home demonstration clubs. . .

The demonstration was presented by the home agent in the County Extension Training Center. Club members furnished garments that needed to be laundered. The objective of Easier and Simplified Laundry Methods was to teach better practices and management of home laundry.

The procedures followed included presentation of the demonstration with visual aid materials which supported job demonstrations involved by home laundry methods.

By following a method, members observed the agent prepare clothes for washing. This was done by: collecting; sorting; special treatment for heavy soil and stains; place to laundry (Equipment Placement); wash load.

As members observed, information on following was discussed in relation to family laundry:

Fabrics: natural fibers, synthetics, texture, finishes, weaves

Kind of Soil: heavy, light

Supplies: detergents, starches, bleaches, scrub brush, water softeners, basket, clothesline, and clothes pins

Storage Space for supplies and equipment.

Wythe County farm is that crop yields have doubled twice since the farm became a part of the Extension TVA program. And today, Garland Groseclose can say, "We feel our farm is producing as well as one could expect from a farm this size. We are grossing twice as much today with the dairy herd as we were with beef cattle and hogs. Of course, there is some equipment we would like to have, but we feel we have enough for a farm this size."

An important by-product of the successful farming venture is a new home for Garland and his family. The modern three-bedroom brick structure was built in 1961-62 and the pride the family takes in it is evident. Now, Earnest has broken ground for a new home for his family to be completed in 1963-64.

County Agent Bird says of the Groseclose brothers, "Their fine management and hard work, coupled with a very practical approach to farm problems, have brought about a wonderful increase in production. It has been a pleasure to work with the Groseclose family and enjoy with them the feeling of accomplishment that comes from a job well done. Their efforts have been a true demonstration to the farmers of Wythe County of the effects of management, hard work, planning, and modern farm technology."

families dependent on the farm for a livelihood, dairying gave promise of more net income.

A herd of 54 Holsteins produces an average of 11,500 pounds of milk per cow. County agent, Paul Bird, says the change-over to dairying was accomplished with as little expense and fuss and bother as he has ever seen. The brothers built a cinder block milking parlor and milk house. It is equipped with stanchions, a pipe line, and a bulk tank for storage. An old barn was adapted as a loafing area for the cattle.

The Groseclose farm has now been graduated from the TVA test demonstrator program. But during the years of participation, the brothers learned the advantages of modern production techniques. As Garland says, "It has taught us to use fertilizer--especially on pasture. We have gotten more results from fertilizer on grass than on row crops, even. I am sure no farmer will go wrong in using fertilizer at Virginia Polytechnic Institute recommended rates. We also give credit to the fine help from our county agent for the great improvement on our farm."

The heart of the program is a plan drawn up by the farmer and his county agent. This plan appraises the farm resources and sets goals for the farmer. It encourages the use of high analysis fertilizers, based on soil tests, and the use of conservation practices.

The Groseclose farm, for instance, uses a modified form of strip-cropping and winter cover crops are employed. The result on this

Success Story
Agricultural

Being Extension TVA test demonstrators didn't make Garland and Earnest Groseclose successful farmers--but it helped! Their farming practices have changed much since 1946 when their Dad enrolled the farm in the Extension TVA program.

In these early days, the farm was a general livestock farm. It became specialized in beef cattle under the boys, and in recent years cattle have given way to a herd of Holstein dairy cows.

Many of the Groseclose's neighbors can remember when the pasture area near a paved road running through the farm was eroded - the red soil showed through in many spots. In those days it was a problem just to hang on to the soil, much less produce any forage on this area. Today, the same field is well sodded and produces a good crop of hay when the season is not as droughty as this one.

The farm had a total of 264 acres in those early days of TVA participation. Today it consists of 260 acres with 93 in cropland and 167 in pasture. Crop yields have shot up from 25 to 45 bushels of corn in 1946-47 to 100 bushels or more per acre today. Oats and barley have improved along with the corn. Oats this year made better than 75 bushels per acre.

In 1958, Garland and Earnest bought out other heirs and changed the operation from a herd of registered Herefords to a Grade A dairy operation. This, says Garland, was primarily because, with two

- (2) Beauty in All Things Around Us
- (3) Beauty in Home Furnishings
 - (a) How to Enjoy A Picture
 - (b) How to Enjoy Better Home Lighting
- (4) Participation in Community and Area Programs
 - (a) Highland Arts Festival
 - (b) Barter Theater
 - (c) Institute of Rural Affairs
 - (d) Home Demonstration Week-End Camp
 - (e) School - VPI Community College

Two minute demonstrations were prepared by the County Federation Program Chairman. Her enthusiasm and artistic nature created paramount interest in unifying Art in Daily Living through Clothing and House Furnishing Leaders.

Clubs devoted 2 full months of study and work on the Federation Program of Work: Art In Daily Living.

Project Area
County Extension Home Economics

Other Work

Federation Program of Work: Art in Daily Living

Twenty leaders received special training by VPI Extension Rural Arts Specialist. These leaders represented their clubs.

Goals selected included:

- (1) Look for the hidden beauty in all things around us
- (2) Apply basic art principles in:
 - (a) Dress and Good Grooming
 - (b) Home Decorations and Furnishings
- (3) Urge home demonstration women to take advantage of the five artistic programs offered, such as:

Community Concert

Barter Theater

School Programs - bands, plays, choral groups

- (4) Cooperate with other clubs and organizations in presenting artistic programs, such as:

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Following the special training meeting for leaders, the County Chairman in the Federation Program of Work met with the home demonstration agent. A member of brief monthly activities on "Awareness" were selected.

- (1) The Homemaker - Know Yourself

- (8) All clubs observed National 4-H Club Week with 4 special radio programs being presented during this period.
- (9) 15 steers and three heifers were shown in the County Steer Show. Wythe County club steers and heifers were shown in Bristol and placed as follows: Reserve Champion, Shorthorn; 3rd place middle weight Angus, 10th light weight Angus, 7th middle weight Angus, 7th Light weight Angus, 4th Light weight Hereford, 7th middle weight Hereford, and 7th Heavy weight Hereford.
- (10) Light Horse and Pony Club members participated successfully in several local shows. Success followed them to Timberlake as 4 members won a total of 18 ribbons: 8 blue; 2 seconds; 3 thirds; 1 fourth; and four state champions.
- (11) The first County-wide 4-H Beauty Pageant was conducted October, 1963. The purpose was to select a Senior Queen and Junior Queen to represent the clubs in other county activities and events. A total of 42 girls were entered from 12 clubs.
- (12) Seven 4-H members participated in District with 2 named District Winners.
- (13) Three members participated in contests held at State 4-H Short Course. Four members were initiated into the 4-H All Star Chapter.
- (14) Two girls and one boy attended the 4-H Conservation Camp Ferrar.

Extension
4-H Club Work

1. Objectives

a. To develop a diversified club program which will meet the needs and interests of more boys and girls.

(1) To give instruction in subject matter in which club members have expressed an interest.

(2) To assist in special activities outside the normal range of 4-H club meetings which will increase interest and participation in 4-H club project work.

2. Progress Made

(1) Preparation of special programs at the request of the boys and girls.

(2) More individual participation by club members in meetings.

(3) An increase in club enrollment to 798 members for 1963.

(4) Organization of 4-H County Council.

(5) County-wide participation in 4-H Float for Christmas parade.

(6) Share-the-Fun Program.

(7) Special activities of individual clubs; i.e., 4-H Beauty Contest; Toy Dance (all persons brought a toy in order to be admitted. The toys were given to a civic organization to be distributed to needy children); Selling of Christmas trees for club funds.

(c) Correct way of hanging clothes on line and removal of clothes from line

(d) Correct ways of preparing clothes for ironing

(e) Selection and arrangement of ironing equipment

Demonstration on easy ways to iron family clothes, such as: man's shirt, girl's shorts, and other articles. This demonstration was presented to clubs by leaders. Homemakers were shown easier ways to lessen time, energy, and fatigue.

Easy and Simplified Laundry Methods progress is given in this report entitled "Success Story in Extension Home Economics."

Project Area
Extension Home Economics

IV. Home Management

- (a) Easy and Simplified Laundry Methods
- (b) Ways for Easier Ironing

The Situation

Multiplicity of roles in homemaking requires a well-ordered routine of necessary work of home with reduction and simplification of topics selected. This was a mutual problem that organized home demonstration clubs requested additional help and guidance.

Objective

- (1) To teach better planning and management practices in home laundry.

Progress

A special training meeting was conducted club leaders by VPI Extension Specialist on Ways for Easier Ironing. Leaders were shown that easier ironing begins with better laundry methods, such as -

- (a) Correct selection of detergents, softeners
- (b) Correct method of drying - air drying, and electric drying

Kit. To date, 36 have requested a Special Workshop for early 1964 on How to Assemble Table Lamps and Pin-Up Lamps. Each is willing to buy these lamps from the Southwest 4-H Center or order direct from the manufacturer.

curtains, and draperies were demonstrated for different style windows. This "show-how" demonstration enabled individuals to visualize the improvements through better planning, selection, and buymanship. Color coordination was used as a guide for agent in demonstrating this topic. This demonstration was given in October, which is too late to give accurate account. Its need and appeal will show up in 1964 improvements in House Furnishings.

Selection and Arrangement of Lamps for Better Light afforded an opportunity for trained leaders to demonstrate their new knowledge. Leaders were trained by Lighting Specialists from Appalachian Power Company. Leaders learned:

- (a) Purpose of Light - (1) General, (2) Portable
- (b) How Color Effects Light
- (c) How Eyes Respond to Light
- (d) Selection of Correct Bulb for Each Task
- (e) Lamp Adjustments - Diffusing Bowls, Discs, Harps, Shade, Shade Risers

Each leader was provided a complete kit of visual aids to use in teaching this demonstration.

Evaluation and Results

Well trained leaders equipped with sufficient illustrative materials did a superb teaching job. Leaders enjoyed their responsibility in demonstrating and teaching the Home Lighting

Project Area
Extension Home Economics

III. House Furnishings

- (1) Styles and Trends in Curtains and Draw Draperies
- (2) Selection and Arrangement of Lamps for Better Light

The Situation

Homemakers recognized that windows play a large part in furnishing fresh air and decoration purposes. They recognized window curtains were not permanent equipment. They wanted information on how to make or buy this part of furnishings. They wanted their windows to reflect pride in furnishings and satisfying to the family needs. Too, these homemakers needed additional information on selection and arrangement of portable lamps for job tasks and family needs.

Objectives

To teach and recognize the purpose and need for window curtains rather than style was general goal. Recognition of individual differences was considered in planning presentation of this study demonstration.

The purpose of home lighting was given precedence over placement of lamps.

Progress Development

VPI Bulletin: Window Treatment (Kinds, Fabrics)

VPI Bulletin: How to Make Draw Curtains and Draperies

Home demonstration agent presented each member a copy of bulletin to follow in study discussion as visual materials,

The workshop conducted by home agent further extended educational information on elegant simplicity in self-made hat trims. This activity provided an opportunity to create, re-style, and update old hats for good grooming. Trained leaders in this project activity conducted additional club and community workshops without agent assistance. It afforded recognition and participation for community leaders through the County Extension Home Economics Program. Others learned how to save dollars by restyling and making new hat trims for individual needs.

c. Evaluation

- (1) Members gained needed educational information prepared by VPI Clothing Specialists and presented by county home demonstration agent.
- (2) Trained leaders in special interest workshop accepted responsibility in conducting additional club and community meetings in making new trimmings for old hats.
- (3) Leaders cooperated in showing recommended Extension Methods to others.
- (4) Through this cooperative activity, dollars were saved.

Project Area
Extension Home Economics

II. Clothing

a. Situation

Homemakers in organized home demonstration clubs recognized and felt a need for better personal appearance. They were confronted with problems of how to analyze: figure proportions, best points versus faulty ones; color type for individual personalities, how to apply principles of good taste in color, design, and fit. They felt the need for a unified, harmonious appearance in dress. They requested more information and help through the home demonstration Program Development Leader.

b. Specific Problems

Major emphasis was given to the following study and discussion demonstrations presented by the home agent in all organized home demonstration clubs.

- (1) Our Appearance - Selection of hat, purse, gloves
 - (2) Does It Fit - Nine points to look for fit of garment
 - (3) Selection and Making Hat Trims (Special Interest Workshop)
- VPI Extension Leaflets were used for teaching guide and information. Each member received a copy of these leaflets for further individual study. Visual aid materials were shown and modelled by members in good selection and buymanship of purse, shoes, hat, and gloves. This helped members to recognize how accessories "could make or break" a good basic costume for good grooming.

d. Evaluation

Acceptance of responsibility by trained leaders aided and extended Food and Nutrition Extension information to all community areas in Wythe County. Their cooperation between the County Extension Office, home, and community aided in furthering desirable food and nutrition education.

(3) By making nutritious foods easily available, and less desirable foods more difficult to obtain.

Progress was made through following demonstration studies and activities:

- (a) Busy Day Meals (Club Demonstration by Trained Leader)
- (b) Yeast Breads (Club Demonstration by Trained Leader)
- (c) Weight Control (Special Interest)
- (d) Candies for Sales (Special Interest)
- (e) Seafood Cookery (Club Demonstration by Trained Leader)

Factual information was provided by: USDA Bulletins -

AIS-69 Money Saving Dishes

PA 472 Family Meals at Low Cost

VPI Extension Bulletins and Circulars:

Bul. 323 Better Breakfasts

Bul. 358 Fun at Meal Time

Cir. 811 Buying Food

Cir. 666 Better Food for Your Dollar

Bul. 219 Calories Do Count

Additional progress was made through special training meetings for club leaders to receive educational information on selected topics and activities. Training meetings were conducted by USDA Inland Game and Fishery Specialists, and county home demonstration agent. Trained leaders were responsible for presenting the educational information to organized home demonstration clubs, organized community clubs, new families and non-community members.

Project Area
Extension Home Economics

A. Major Emphasis

1. Food and Nutrition

a. Situation

Meal Preparation was a major activity. Families were dependent upon County Extension Program in furnishing information needed in meal planning, selection, buymanship, and preparation for better nutrition and health.

b. Objective

Food and Nutrition was a mutual problem that concerned all the people all the time. Their desire was to:

- (1) Become sufficiently informed about the scientific knowledge of foods and nutrition and to be able to exercise sound judgment in food habits.
- (2) To develop an understanding of how to appraise one's daily food intake to determine its adequacy.
- (3) To develop the habit of selecting a well-balanced diet.
- (4) To develop, understand, select, and show how to plan, buy, prepare and serve protective foods for better health.

c. Progress Report

The listed activities were planned so as to correlate the factual material with food habits of families involved. From these activities, families learned how to:

- (1) Become better informed about food and nutrition
- (2) Improve buying power in selection of those foods essential to an adequate diet.

Project Area
Extension Agricultural Program

II. Project Area

1. Phase - Dairying
2. Low production versus increased operating costs
3. Objectives: Improve herd management practices to increase unit production and greater use of farm records to lower operating costs.
4. Through group meetings, field tours and farm visits, we have promoted management practices in high quality feed production and feed storage. We have pointed out the major importance of harvesting feed crops at the maturity stage of peak nutritional value. The adoption of these management practices by part of the dairymen have brought about needed change in increased production feed value along with additional hay storage sheds and silos.

The 29 dairymen on DHIA and other farm record systems are using the information available from them in working out their feeding and breeding programs, managed milking and herd health practices.

The Mastitis Control calendar has been of value in managed milking procedure, in keeping breeding and calving dates and other helpful information.

of this problem with methods of eradication, and by holding a few field clinics, we have assisted interested and cooperative producers in clearing up a large percentage of the infected flocks.

Swine

The major effort in swine production and marketing has been along the lines of change from "Lard-type to Meat-type" hogs. Methods used were sire and gilt selections, meat type carcass demonstrations at the four county slaughtering plants, pig sales and comparative auction market hog prices. The large producers are making recommended adjustments and many of the others are falling in line.

in the BCIA program. These herds are used as production and marketing result demonstration by holding field meetings and farm tours to show the value of good management practices.

These field meetings, farm tours, and public sales reach more people, but our farm visits are more effective in bringing about desirable change.

Sheep

We have used much the same procedures in working with our sheep producers as we have with the beef cattle producers. Our lambs are state graded and marketed thru the local auction market where they bring comparative auction market or Pool top prices. We have a well organized county wool pool handling 80% of the wool production at a premium price of .05¢ or more per pound over other methods of marketing.

We worked with other agencies in getting all flocks in the County inspected in the early spring Sheep Scabies Eradication Program, and in the late fall, a recheck of suspicious flocks. We conduct an Annual Yearling Ewe sale and cooperate with the SWVA Sheep Breeders' Association in holding an annual ram sale to make good quality ram and ewe replacements available to our sheep producers.

Some progress has been made over the past two years in coping with the foot rot problem. By stressing the economic importance

Project Area
Extension Agricultural Program

II. Project Area

1. Phase - General Livestock
2. This continues to be the largest source of farm income in Wythe County. It represents the largest phase of the County Extension Program from the standpoint of farmer requests for assistance and agent's time.
3. Objective - To improve the management and marketing practices in our herds and flocks; to stress to producers the importance of marketing a quality product packaged to meet the needs of buyers; and to up the net income of farmers co-operating in the program.

Beef Cattle

The commercial producers are not taking full advantage of obtaining production tested sires for use in their herds. We have assisted with sire selections, herd culling, and female replacements, always stressing the importance of herd health and other herd management problems. Working thru our livestock committees, we have assisted in organizing and conducting public auction purebred and commercial sales as a part of our result marketing demonstrators. We have five purebred herds enrolled

the kernels are dented and some of the leaves and shucks are turning brown - is the proper stage of harvesting for top nutritional value. Similar tests on hay crops proved additional feed value by cutting at early bloom stage.

It is difficult to evaluate the economic importance of a program like this in Wythe County where practically all the farm income is from the production and sale of livestock and livestock products. Interest is high on the part of farmers. Participation is beyond earlier expectations, and changes made by those involved are most encouraging. Had it not been for spring and summer extreme drought conditions, we could have expected a 20% nutritional increase in this year's County Feed Program. As it is, the program is making progress and farmers are expanding silage and hay storage facilities.

Project Area
Extension Agricultural Program

II. Project Area

1. Phase - Agronomy

2. The economic production of enough year around high-quality feed and pasture to supply the livestock needs of all farms in the County.

3. Objective - The use of needed plant food materials and managed production practices to increase acreage yields and quality, thereby raise the net income of county farmers.

4. Our normal efforts were devoted to correct land use with adequate fertilization for crops and pasture based on soil test recommendations. Through the use of mass media, meetings, farm visits and office calls, over 300 farmers submitted soil samples for test this year, with a large percent carrying thru on the Extension line and fertilizer recommendations. County Farm Supply dealers cooperated most effectively with the agents in this program. Their help was equally effective in the weed and insect control program. Major emphases were directed toward the proper harvesting and storage of feed crops at their peak nutritional stage. Forage tests showed that too many farmers were harvesting their hay crops a week too late and their corn silage a week or two too early for top feed value. With this wide variation of harvesting stages, our forage tests proved to many farmers that the hard dough stage of corn - when

Special Interest Home Economics Committees worked with during year (1963) include the following: Foods and Nutrition, Clothing, Housing, Home Management, Rural Arts, House Furnishings, and Community Improvement. Reports of these committees will be given in Section II of Project Areas.

The 4-H County Council is composed of club officers and leaders of twelve 4-H clubs. The Council had two meetings last year. One meeting was devoted to planning county events and activities. The November meeting was devoted to election of County Council officers.

Many other local people are involved in, and contribute much to the Extension Program, although they have no direct part in program planning. Some of these leaders and members of such organizations as the Garden Clubs, Junior and Senior Woman's Clubs; Church Organizations, and other agencies. Leaders of these organizations and agencies are frequently consulted when planning and organizing Extension Activities and are called upon to assist with conducting these activities.

The Home Demonstration County Committee is composed of the officers, program of work chairman, and program development leaders from fourteen Home Demonstration Clubs. This committee has the final responsibility for planning the Home Economics Program carried out by the Home Demonstration Clubs. The committee held four meetings in 1963. Three were held in the spring, another in August. The spring meetings were devoted to a check on the current program and making special plans and preparation for the Annual District Federation Meeting of Home Demonstration Clubs. The purpose of the August meeting was planning the 1964 program.

Preceding the spring planning meetings, the Home Demonstration Club Program Work Chairman and the Home Demonstration Agent presented Outlook Information. Discussions were held in each Home Demonstration Club in regard to local and individual needs. Each Home Demonstration member filled out a program planning questionnaire. These questions were summarized and presented to the County Home Demonstration Committee. Reports on county needs were given by Special Interest Committees. From all this information, the 1963 Home Demonstration Program was planned.

I. INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL LEADERSHIP IN PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT THE EXTENSION PROGRAM

There are 217 leaders involved in planning and carrying out the total 1963 Wythe County Extension Program. Of this number, 160 worked in the Home Economics and 4-H program, and 57 in the Agricultural program. The Agricultural Program leaders worked through 9 commodity committees representing the general phases of Agronomy, Dairying, General Livestock, and Marketing.

These local leaders received educational information and specific subject matter training from the County Extension staff and specialists. This Program Activity required 32 leader training meetings for adults and 14 for youth involving the participation of 532 people.

Our combined leadership contributed to the selection and progress of the major projects outlined in our County Plan of Work. During the year, these leaders conducted 133 meetings involving 3,552 people in attendance without the presence of the Extension Agents, although the Agents were involved in the planning, publicity, and arrangements.

The County Extension Home Economics Program has strength in strong community leaders. These community leaders guide the Home Demonstration Agent in developing an educational program which best suits the needs of the homemakers in Wythe County. They render much assistance in promoting the Home Economics Extension programs by conducting demonstrations and by early adoption of recommended practices.

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Wythe County

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