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### III. County Situation

More and more new families are moving to Prince William County, many to get away from the city and high cost, others from a pure desire to live in the country. Some of these people have had a rural background while to others it is entirely new.

So many women and girls are accepting employment in the county and surrounding areas which makes it difficult to keep the extension program functioning on a day time basis. Some adult clubs feel that their interest would continue and even increase if they could change to night meetings.

Special requests come also from women who are trying to manage newly acquired farms while their husbands are working away from home.

Most girls in high school major in business courses in order to accept employment as soon as they graduate from high school. Consequently there are only a few who are especially interested in homemaking and some who are slow in other subjects who continue Home Economics in the school. This tendency greatly affects the interests of the 14 year and older girls who could continue their 4-H projects. Now club work is not held in the high schools in this county. With so few, relatively speaking, who major in Home economics, it is obvious that they are losing interest in homemaking activities which they will need when building their own home in the near future.

### IV. Contribution of 1951 Program to Better Family Living.

The 1951 program was planned to aid farm and urban women and girls to do a better job of homemaking. It was designed to improve family living from various aspects, economically, socially, nutritionally, etc.

Twenty-one people started to keep home accounts with 10 of these women completing at the end of the year. In 1950 only 1 person kept the home record.

This trend to study consumer problems ~~will encourage and~~ economical buying and saving.

Improvement of Home Grounds was ~~one of the most important~~ subjects studied during the year. This was planned to ~~add to~~ ~~blend~~ with new yards or the already established yard. At ~~least~~ 40% of the club members made some definite change as a result of ~~these demonstrations~~. Some community projects were started which helps to ~~strengthen the~~ community aside from the material benefit received.

Interest in remodeling old houses and improving kitchens, bath, storage etc. continues on an individual basis. The housing specialist, with the help of the agent and the R. E. A. Home Service Advisor, has assisted at least 50 persons in this county with some of the above listed phases of remodeling.

The Federation Goal, Youth and Community Recreation, has been continued in the clubs throughout the year. Emphasis was placed on home recreation. How to plan children's parties and how to get enjoyment out of handicraft, a creative form of home recreation ~~received~~ special emphasis.

Participation by all the 17 Home Demonstration Clubs and 11 4-H Clubs in the 2nd Annual Prince William County Fall ~~meets~~ considerable progress. Educational exhibits by 15 of the 17 Home Demonstration Clubs demonstrated to its members and approximately 400 Fall ~~meets~~ that they are interested in learning ways to encourage better living for all families in Prince William County and surrounding areas. In ~~striving~~ to improve every community and learning how to live with neighbors ~~the~~ world over, we can achieve the most important goal of living peaceably in a ~~better~~ world.

#### V. A. Project Work

##### 1. Landscaping - Improving both Old and New Grounds

This project was planned to teach some basic landscaping

contest as their community project. They decided that the home and community beautification could be studied in this way. There were 25 entries in the contest with members of the Manassas Garden Club judging before and after improvements.

Improvement of driveways was stressed in the landscape planning. As a result of this many driveways have been improved. Adequate parking space with sufficient space for turning has been improved in at least 10 homes. Of 195 women reporting, 33 stated that they had made major changes in landscaping plan and 117 made improvements in the yard by addition of shrubs, pruning and turf.

It was planned that each club would have at least a result demonstration in landscaping. Only 4 clubs ended with their result demonstrations. Sudley Road Club showed an excellent landscaping exhibit at the Prince William County Fair to demonstrate the importance of planning an attractive home.

The agent also gave a talk on landscaping to over 100 men and women on Ladies Night at the Huritan Meeting in June.

#### Foods

July - Standard Scoring of Canned and Baked Goods

September - Stretching the Family Food and Clothing Dollar.

The July meeting was planned for two reasons: first to improve the quality of home produced canned and baked goods and second to know what standards were used by judges at the Prince William County Fair.

The State Extension Food Specialist provided the agent with demonstration material for these two meetings. The agent conducted a leader training meeting in June in preparation for the July meeting. The leaders were asked to bring to the training meeting some baked goods and two jars of home canned vegetables. They were provided with score cards and taught how to judge the contents. This

seemed to be a satisfactory method of teaching, so the same plan was used at the club meetings. One club set up a garage as a small fair booth and held the judging there. This method really served as a food preservation demonstration with results being shown instead of the "how to" of canning.

The quality and amount of the canned goods exhibited at the Prince William County Fair was such to show the importance of these demonstrations at the monthly meetings. It showed that people need not be farmers with years of canning experience to make a winner. Mrs. Betty Hoyt, a Farm Veterans wife who lived on the farm for the first time last year was surprised to learn that she had won 1st prize on a can of string beans. She simply followed the canning instructions, using young tender beans and leaving head space in the jar for expansion. These people learned that fancy packs are impractical and that everyone who cans by good standards might be a winner.

Stretching the Family Food and Clothing Dollar was a lesson in consumer buying. In this time of high prices, a study of buying and saving is important. The R.E.A. Home Electrical Advisor cooperated with this program by giving the demonstration to about half of the regular club meetings.

### 3. Furniture Repair

Special interest activities were planned for those especially interested in a particular subject. Reseating chairs, tying springs and upholstery, refinishing furniture were the clinics planned for 1951. As a result of the Reseating Chair Clinic and those held in previous years, 100 chairs were reported as resealed this year. One group, Bradley Forest, had a series of work meetings on upholstery. One upholstered chair was completely rebuilt from the frame. Seven pieces were worked on at this clinic. 95 pieces of furniture were repaired this year and 195 pieces were refinished. One elderly lady, Mrs. E. E. Blough, who is a pioneer in Home Demonstration

work in this county learned last year how to refinish old walnut furniture at a clinic at her home. Since then she has completed the youth bed, a chest of drawers and desk. Last year she caned several antique chairs after learning how to do them at a demonstration meeting.

#### 4. Home Accounts

Last year, 1950, only 1 homemaker kept the Farm Home Accounts Book. As a result of her efforts 25 other women made a survey of their incomes and expenses in 1951, however only 10 records were completed, and the women are in agreement that record keeping is important in the study of consumer problems. No county meeting was held for this group, which made it difficult for some of them to keep an accurate record. It is hoped that this group will continue this practice next year and that a good number can be added. It is an aim to hold several meetings to instruct and explain the importance of keeping this record, and to help analyze their findings and translate them to better future spending.

#### 5. Housing

A county housing meeting was held in March with Miss Settle, Housing Specialist giving help to 13 homemakers on storage, kitchens and bath improvement. She made 3 home visits to assist with individual problems on her return this fall to the county for 1 day. She visited one home where remodeling is in progress and gave advice to another on how to remodel a colonial home. She was faced with the problem of making an addition to the old house and conform to the present architectural lines.

The agent has given advice on building kitchens in new home, remodeling kitchens, planning extra storage in many old homes and helped with plans for new homes.

#### 6. Tailoring

One group who had requested a tailoring school two years ago, but had not been able to take the course at that time, requested it again in October. Two leaders with the help of the agent assisted 6 women in making coats and suits. These women arranged their schedule with the leaders and worked in the homes of the leaders to learn tailoring techniques. All of the women had worked with woolens prior to this time but it was advisable to study shrinking woolens, how to fit patterns, making buttonholes, pressing correctly, trimming seams, tailor tacking, padding, etc.

7. Handicrafts

One meeting in the spring and one in the fall had been planned for some handicraft. Fabric painting, metallic stenciling and etching of aluminum trays have all proved a popular craft. As stated before in the narrative, the November meetings on recreation have also been devoted to the handicraft since all of the handicraft meetings in October needed to be continued another month and since the club members felt that the handicraft meetings would be fitting as a recreation project.

To date, over 500 articles have been fabric painted, including dresses, shirts, curtains, pictures, table linens, bed linens, handkerchiefs, etc. 124 aluminum trays have been completed and 75 trays, chairs, etc. have been decorated with metallics. One lady decorated an antique churn on legs to be used as a lamp table and sewing work box. This was exhibited at the Art show sponsored by the Fine Arts Section of the Manassas Womens Club and received many compliments.

B. J. Youth Service and Community Recreation

This Federation Goal was continued from 1950 after having the assistance of a representative of the National Recreation Association 1950 for 4 days. The Federation Goal Chairman decided to encourage the clubs to

use some of the information they had received the previous year.

The goals set up by this committee were listed in the 1951 Yearbook as follows:

1. Increase interest and participation in 4-H clubs and other youth organizations of the community.
2. Each club to have an active 4-H and youth leader, each 4-H leader to attend leader training meeting as soon as leaders are appointed.
3. Each club sponsor 2 recreation meetings in the community or assist in the program that has already been set up.
4. Devote one club meeting during the year in ways of improving recreation in the home.

Comments on these goals are as follows:

1. 4-H clubs have prospered in some communities this year due to the added interest of some leaders.
2. Only a few leaders will take the time to attend a leader training meeting for the 4-H Club work.
3. Most clubs have sponsored 2 recreation meetings during the year. May and November meetings were set aside for the recreation programs in the clubs. In May every club held a party for the children. Some chose a party for children "under 10 years" and some "10 years and over". These parties were enjoyed by the members as well as helpful suggestions for party planning which they could take home with them.
4. In November, handicrafts and recreation were treated together. A meeting on home recreation was to be held but it was decided that the handicraft being taught could be considered a form of home recreation. Stenciling and etching trays, as hobbies, can certainly be considered recreation.

14 high school girls and 1 boy with 4 adults attended an all day training meeting in recreation conducted by Mrs. Livingston, representative of the National Recreation Association in November. These 4-H members found this meeting to be most helpful in planning 4-H club games and parties.

One Home Demonstration group has cooperated with a church to develop an extra church room as a recreation and club center.

Several adult groups have planned Christmas and Easter parties for all children in the community, and these have proved quite successful.

The Buckhall group planned transportation to the Atlantic Rural Exposition for the Buckhall 4-H Club.

## 2. Prince William County Fair

The second annual Prince William County Fair was most successful. The homemakers section was completely planned and administered by the Home Demonstration Club women with the exception of the flower section. The Home Demonstration Agent called meetings of all those interested in promoting the Fair to formulate the plans for 1951. Suggestions were made for improvement over the 1950 Fair.

Home Economics teachers assisted in planning the catalogue entries for the FHA and 4-H girls.

There was from 2 to 3 times as many entries in adult and youth sections of canned and baked goods and handwork as there was last year. Clothing entries were not much better than they were before.

15 of 17 adult groups set up club exhibits which were judged on 1. educational value, b. attractiveness and c. general display. The Veterans Club who sponsored the Fair were delighted with the attraction created by the club exhibits, even though they were allowed only a small space of 6' X 8'.



BLUE RIBBON CLUB EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR

The County Home Demonstration Committee appointed a committee who planned for the operation of a Food Booth, the only one, other than those owned by the Carnival. All clubs contributed some food and assisted with the operation of the booth. Over \$1,000. was received in the 3 day period with a net profit of \$438. \$131. or 30% of the profit went to the Fair Treasurer with \$307. turned over to the County Home Demonstration Committee Treasurer. Many women stated that they enjoyed working in the Food Booth, in spite of the hot tiring hours.

#### 3. Other

National Home Demonstration week was recognized by 4 clubs who placed exhibits in stores and in their communities. Also 46 club members attended the District Association meeting at Winchester, Virginia on May 1st.



WINDOW DISPLAY DURING NATIONAL HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK

Five club women attended the State Federation Meeting and Institute of Rural Affairs at Blacksburg from July 31st to August 4th. Mrs. M. G. Garber from this county was made President of a newly-formed District and is making plans to hold the 1952 District Meeting in this county.

Prince William County was also fortunate in having 1 delegate, Mrs. G. E. Wottl, attend the National Home Demonstration Council at East Lansing, Michigan in August. She has given reports to the County Achievement Day, Fall Planning Meeting and several regular meetings. She intends to go to the National Convention in North Carolina and hopes to have several more women go with her, in 1952.

The annual Achievement Day Program was held at the Sedley Church in October for an afternoon session. Reports were made through the use of a skit which was enjoyed by the more than 400 women present. The Catharpin Home Demonstration Club used their club and recreation room to serve a lovely tea following the program. Those present observed the sofas and chair which had been upholstered by the group for their club room. Also the record player-radio combination,

which had been donated and repaired. This group also uses a state loan library of 50 books and these are available at the reading room.

## Over 100 HDC Members At Sudley Church

Over 100 Home Demonstration Club members and friends attended the Prince William County Achievement Day which was held on Tuesday, October 30, at Sudley Church with County Chairman Mrs. A. O. Beane presiding.

Mrs. Leona Barlow, Home Demonstration Agent, conducted an "Achievement Parade" as the main feature of the meeting. This event started by explaining the services of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture and the Virginia Agriculture Extension Service with Mrs. Lucy Smith, Mrs. Edna Cue, Mrs. Susie Smith, Mrs. Charles Kempton and Mrs. Clay Bell participating.

In the parade Mrs. Joe Hale told of her experiences as a handicraft leader during 1951. Mrs. M. G. Garber, new President of District VIII of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs reported on her trip to Blacksburg to the State Federation Meeting and the Institute of Rural Affairs. She named her committee to plan for the District Meeting which will meet in this county in the spring.

A report was also heard from the National Home Demonstration Council which was held at the Uni-

versity of Michigan at E. Lansing, Michigan in August of 1951 where 1900 Home Demonstration Club members were attending.

4-H Club work in Manassas was explained by Mrs. Ava Gowd, a 4-H leader. 21 girls made 21 garments during the summer, modeled the garments in a dress review and entertained their mothers at tea.

Others who participated in the parade were Mrs. Betty Hoyt, Mrs. Robert Powell who told about the Brentsville Mail Box contest, Mrs. A. H. Meyer with her courage which she made, and Mrs. B. Hagg Lewis who modeled a suit she made and told how she saved by learning to tailor garments. Mrs. Thea Casey told about the help she had received with her house remodeling.

Mrs. Beane presented the fair booth exhibit winners with their awards and Mr. Palmer Wine, Ass't. County Agent was introduced to the group.

Following the business meeting, a delightful tea was served by the Catharpin Home Demonstration Club who acted as hostesses.

Two guests from the Sudley Church, Mrs. Etta Lynn and Mrs. Ayers poured tea and coffee. While enjoying the social hour the guests were invited to visit the small reading and music room, which has been a project of the Catharpin Home Demonstration Club but will be used by both the club and the church groups.

### ANNUAL HOME DEMONSTRATION ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Several clubs have chosen outstanding community projects. The Bethel Club acts as a PTA group and supplies the little 2 room school with some money for books, paper, supplies, etc. Most of all they provide milk to all children in school every day who can not buy milk. That is about 50% of the children or about 25 bottles of milk each day. They have a supper each year

Along with other recreational programs to raise funds to make this possible.

Buckhall, a 2 year old club, is trying to beautify their small community.

The 1st step is to clean up the cemetery and build a fence around it.

Bradley Forest, a new club, in a small new community has no church for more than 50 families. The Home Demonstration club members are trying to make available an old church for Sunday School for the children. These are almost all young families with from 1 to 7 children so this service is badly needed. This group of women are beginning to learn to know each other and to work together, but at first they each stated that they knew only their next door neighbors.

#### VI. 4-H Club Work

##### A. Clothing Unit I and II

1. Clothing Unit I "Looking Your Best" was the project chosen by 5 clubs. This seems to be one of the most practical to be held in school groups during the 45 minutes to 1 hour long sessions. Care of hair, hands, feet, teeth, posture, clothing, etc. are all useful subjects, particularly for girls in 4th and 5th grades. The agent has found that much progress can be made with improvement of personal pride and appearance with the young girls. Biting nails is one of their worst faults and even though the school teacher has worked on these problems, it seems that they become more concerned when another person talks about the same important traits which they need to cultivate. Beauty operators were secured to give the demonstration on care of the hair. This gave an added zest to the groups.

Leadership for the school groups is rather limited which leaves the agent to attend most of the monthly meetings.

Work with Clothing Unit II was held in the summer and outside of school.

Active leadership enabled the groups to meet frequently. A group of 22 girls with 4 or 5 mothers as leaders arranged for the girls to meet once every week

for about 10 weeks during the summer. At least 15 or 16 girls made her first dress, using a pattern for the first time. This group completed the project by holding a style show and tea for their mothers.

Handiwork of Manassas 4-H Club girls was displayed during a tea and fashion show at "Holly Gate", the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kopp, Wednesday.

Miss Deborah Kopp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kopp, was hostess to the girls and their mothers, who were present to view the various exhibits.

Sue Espenshade and Pattie Lynn Adams announced the models and gave a description of the type dress worn by each.

The various models, exhibits and prizes won included:

Pattie Lyn Adams, sun dress, third prize.

Judy Gowl, doll dress made by Sandra Gowl.

Sue Espenshade, school dress, second prize.

Ruth Ann Skelton, sunback dress and jacket.

Diane Caporoletti, beach coat.

Janet Miller, sun dress and jacket, first prize.

Nancy Claire Blakemore, sun dress.

Carolyn Laws, skirt.

Sandra Lee Ball, fabric-painted skirt.

Deborah Kopp, play suit, bathing suit (first prize), dress.

Nancy Espenshade, school dress, third prize.

Jean Helms, blouse.

Patsy Eutaler, two-piece dress, first prize.

Linda Harrell, dress.



#### MANASSAS GIRLS' DRESS REVIEW

Another community, Quantico, had active volunteer leaders in the clothing project for the winter months. Three Home Demonstration Club members worked with 10 girls, teaching them to sew and knit.

#### LEADERS

The project was carried during the winter months by two groups, 1 in school and 1 outside of school. A young group of 20 girls carried this

and worked regularly to complete their clothes pin bag and to line the clothes basket. The group evidently was too young or lacked interest in laundry to continue with the project.

The group which met in the school was an older group but lost interest in the project, even though they chose the project at the beginning of the year.

### B. Housekeeping and Home Improvement

The Housekeeping project was carried by the 1st year Club members and they seemed to be very much interested in this. 46 of the 53 members completed their work in this project. This was quite useful to 1 group, Woodbine, in particular because generally the children come from homes with inadequate housing and poor housekeeping methods. They were very much interested in the study of how to re-arrange these rooms and make beds according to hospital style.

Another group at Nokesville were eager to complete their project by caring for their rooms, clothes, etc.

### 4. Other 4-H Projects

Room Improvement was carried by a very small group of older girls. The sleeping area of the bedroom was the unit on which the girls worked. One 4-H group held a clinic on refinishing furniture and helped 1 girl refinish a hand made cedar bed. They studied color schemes, room arrangements, window treatments, etc. and made lamps and lampshades.

Food Preservation, gardening and yard improvement are carried by individuals in different clubs. These girls received individual help from leaders and the agent.

### B. Other Activities

#### Camp

Two leaders, a Nature study teacher, the agent and 31 girls and 2 boys attended the Powells Fort Camp with boys and girls from 2 other counties.

The agent had charge of the handicraft class, fabric painting for 3 groups of about 30 each.

2. 5 girls attended the State 4-H Short Course at Blacksburg in June. These girls have been interested in organizing a County Council in this county. 3 attempts were made last January and February, but not enough members and leaders were present. One meeting was successful, however, because the time was spent in a Recreation Training Meeting.

Plans are being formulated now to organize the council in December 1951. This year more girls and boys of 14 and over are continuing in the club which will make for a better rounded 4-H Club Program.

3. The annual Achievement Day was held on Nov. 17th at the Pitts Theatre with the 1951 All Star presiding. Over 200 boys and girls were present. A challenge to 4-H Club Members was given in a short talk by Mr. Fleishman, a rural minister. The Home Demonstration Agent and County Agent summarized the work for the year and awarded the medals to the winners of the various projects. The 4-H'ers were treated with a movie by the management following the program. School buses were secured to bring the children to this meeting.

#### 4. Contests

Catherine Kemper was an area winner in the Food Preparation Contest. Others who entered the area contest were Rebecca Slusher in Style Dress Review, who won a blue award and Sylvia Kline in the Freezing Contest.

This was an improvement over 1950 because there were no entries last year. With a group of girls continuing this year it is hoped that more girls will be available to enter the contests in 1952.

#### 5. Fair

4-H Club participation in the Prince William County Fair increased nearly 200% this year over last year, but participation of both 4-H and F.H.A. girls needs to be encouraged by their leaders.

As leaders increase in number and amount of participation with the club groups, the agent can see more interest and progress on the part of club members.

#### 6. Other

About 15 girls were excused from school to attend a Recreation Training Meeting on Nov. 19th. They felt that this training will be most helpful in their club meeting and parties.

All groups made scrap books of Christmas cards to take to some nearby hospital. About 35 scrap books were given to the Alexandria Hospital for the children last December. They are working on this project again this year.

#### VII Young Men and Women

As stated in the 1951 Plan of Work, "it is hoped that 1 group can be organized this year. This group ~~will be~~ be worked through the Federation Goal - "Youth and Community Recreation". The Home Agent hoped to organize this group through the cooperation of the Assistant County Agent, but with the change of assistants, 3 in 1951, it was ~~impossible~~ to work on this cooperatively. This goal, therefore, was not achieved.

The Nokesville, Jr. Home Demonstration Club is made up largely of homemakers under 30 years of age. They meet ~~regularly~~ and participate in the yearly Home Demonstration Club program.

The agent also worked with the Farm Veterans Club in planning and carrying out the Prince William County Fair. She worked with this organization in planning the ~~home~~ activities, individual and club exhibits, Food Booth, 4-H activities, etc.

#### VIII Scope of Work

	1948	1949	1950	1951
No. H. D. Clubs or groups	15	15	16	17
Membership	329	350	400	425

	1948	1949	1950	1951
No. 4-H Clubs	11	10	11	11
Membership	184	189	223	195
No. YMW Groups		1	1	1
Membership		22	22	29
No. of other families reached	1100	1125	1320	1264
Total No. families reached	1500	1528	1750	1800

#### IX. Functions of Organizations

##### A. County Home Demonstration Committee

This committee is composed of County Officers, president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, Federation Goal Chairman, club presidents and program development chairman of each of the 17 clubs.

Meetings of this group were held in May and October. Executive board meetings were held preceding each meeting. At the spring meeting, certain necessary business is transacted, such as checking on club activities, Federation Goal progress, selecting delegates to State and National Federation meetings, 4-H girls to short course and plans for summer 4-H work.

The Fall planning Meeting is important because plans for the following years program is made. Newly elected presidents with current presidents, program development chairmen and officers met with the District Home Agent and District Home Agent-at-large.

Committee Chairmen for Federation Goal, County Club Goals and Program Development were appointed prior to the Executive Board meeting and invited to attend. At the planning meeting, these chairmen headed the named committees and all persons present were named to meet with 1 committee.

Program Development Chairman brought reports from their respective clubs as to suggestions for the 1951 program, including special interest groups and

Federation Goals. After lunch the sub-committees met and then later reported back to a joint assembly. These committee reports were made and approved with the necessary corrections.

The above plan seems to be quite satisfactory because everyone at the meeting is helping to develop the working plans for the new year and became more enthusiastic about working to complete the plans.

#### B. County A-H Project Planning Committee

A-H leaders are not too active in this county so the agent invited all the leaders of girls projects to meet to make the plans for the new year. 5 leaders participated in the planning to decide what projects would be carried and made suggestions for developing the projects to the interest of the members of different age levels.

#### X. A. Contributions of Volunteer Leaders

##### 1. Organizational

Organizational leaders usually accept their responsibility and make necessary plans for successful club meetings. It is very noticeable that those officers who put the most time and enthusiasm into the program will have the most active clubs. Almost every month the Home Agent sends letters to the presidents as reminders of business which needs to be conducted and plans for future meetings.

##### 2. Program Development

Letters are also sent to the program development leaders with copies to the presidents before club meetings. These serve as reminders and add suggestions to help them do a better job.

The use of Program Development Chairmen has helped in developing the program calendar and keeping the plans before the clubs at all times.

##### 3. Subject matter

Subject Meetings are appointed at the beginning of the new year, regardless of when they are to serve during the year. Often times two leaders are selected for a subject. In some clubs these leaders are appointed and in other groups they volunteer for the subject in which are most interested.

With assistance given them by the specialist and the agent, these leaders accept their responsibility in taking charge of certain demonstrations in the clubs.

Each club was asked to be responsible for at least 4 meetings in 1951 which they have done.

B. Growth of Home Demonstration Project Leadership

	1949	1950	1951
No. Project leaders and goal chairs	124	185	185
No. training meetings held by Specialist	4	10	7
by agent	3	8	18
Attendance at all training meetings	122	239	194
No. club meetings held by agents without Agent present	39	45	57
No. additional club meetings which leaders assisted			62

Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership

	1948	1949	1950	1951
No. Adult project leaders	16	16	20	28
No. junior project leaders		3	3	25
No. training meetings held by specialist	1	1	2	5
by agent	6	4	11	15

	1948	1949	1950	1951
Attendance at leader training meetings	19	10	121	79
N, 4-H leaders trained individually	4	5	16	20
No. club meetings held by leader with- out agent present	18	21	32	33
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	28	45	27	45
No. demonstrations given by Leaders	32	48	83	86
by adult	32	43	72	73
by junior		5	11	13

#### C. Outstanding Leader and Accomplishments.

A 4-H leader and all star, Mrs. Ralph Gowl, Manassas, deserves credit for her activity and interest in the 4-H Club Program. She has two girls and when her oldest, Sandy, became 9 Mrs. Gowl started working with the 4-H Club in Manassas. At that time, two years ago, there were about 15 club members. Last year, 1951, Mrs. Gowl was President of Sudley Home Demonstration Club but resigned to devote her time to the 4-H Club work. She attends every leaders meeting, county wide meetings and has been responsible in getting 3 other leaders to work with the group of 25 girls. She arranged for the children to meet once every week during the summer months to make their first dresses. She worked with individuals at other times and helped them plan for the little style dress review. The older girls acted as commentators and introduced the girls to the audience, their mothers, and described the dresses which the girls had made and were modeling.

In Sept. 1951 the group was divided with the older girls, 8 of them, 14 years and over organizing to themselves. Mrs. Gowl now assists with both groups. She is working now to get the older members interested in organizing the county 4-H Council.

XI. Work With Other Agencies

A. The agent is a member of and attends the meetings of the U.S.D.A. Council and Mobilization Committee.

B. A Rural Life Institute for Ministers and professional workers was held in January with the Extension Socialologist present. This meeting was proved helpful in the county to show the spirit of co-operativeness among agencies.

C. The Home Electric Advisor of Prince William Electric Coop, R.E.A. has been most cooperative with the agent in several projects. The agent assists her with R.E.A. programs when possible and she in turn does likewise.

D. Prince William County Fair. As stated before in this narrative, the agent assisted the Prince William Fair Committee in planning the homemakers section, setting up catalogues, providing a Food Booth, and other ways.

E. The Agent cooperated with the Dept. of Agriculture in making a movie for the N.C.A. This movie is to be shown in foreign countries to teach farm improvement methods. Scenes were taken at the Fair with a 4-H Club leader checking in 4-H Club entries. The agent was shown giving a demonstration at a Home Demonstration Club meeting, also in the Home Demonstration office before going to the meeting.

F. Reports are made to the Board of Supervisors periodically, giving summaries of work done with 4-H and adult clubs, other meetings attended, individual requests granted, etc.

She has worked with Manassas Womens Club, Garden Club, Recreation Association, Handicraft classes in the county, P.T.A., T. B. Association, Red Cross Blood Mobile and many other agencies.

The office Secretary, Mrs. Bettie Dottler, has been writing a column for the weekly newspaper with the help of the agent. "4-H News and Views" is the heading of the article which lists 4-H schedules and reminders of 4-H activities. The Home Demonstration schedule and reminders are also listed, along with Household

hints and tips to homemakers on timely subjects.

**4-H NEWS  
AND VIEWS**

By Mrs. Bettie A. Dotterer

It isn't too early for you 4-H girls to think about Christmas and Christmas gifts. We have a lot of information in the office concerning decorations and gifts that can be made at home very easily. A gift means so much more when your thoughts and work are behind it, and if several of you get together to make gifts, exchange ideas and help each other you can enjoy your work. Remember, if a thing is worth making, it is worth making right.

Allow yourself plenty of time so that it isn't thrown together at the last minute. A decorating party would enable you to play and work at the same time. Mrs. Barlow has patterns and suggestions for pot holders, aprons, and towels made from washed and ironed feed bags, bedroom slippers made from wash clothes, flannel and felt, easy to make dolls, tie-dyed scarfs, and ornaments for decorating, just to mention a few items. If any of you would like help let us know and we will do what we can for you. However, decide just what you want to do for your part of Christmas and make your plans, so that you will be ready for the holidays well in advance.

November 10th — The Catharpin 4-H Club will hold their meeting in the home of Roberta Costello at 10 a. m. This meeting was scheduled for last Saturday but because of the bad weather it was postponed. Project — Room Improvement.

November 10th — The Manassas Jr. 4-H Club will meet at Mollie Owens' home at 2 p. m. Their project is Meal Planning, Preparation and Service.

November 12th — Manassas Sr. 4-H Club will meet at 7:00 at Christine Dotterer's home. Project

—Clothing Unit II. The members that can attend should contact Mrs. Barlow so that she can furnish transportation.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION**

The Prince William Electric Co-op will conduct an Equipment School at the R.E.A. kitchen November 12th and continuing thru Friday, November 16th. There will be two meetings a day starting at 10 a. m. and at 2 p. m. All of the Prince William County Women are invited but it is asked that you contact either Mrs. Barlow at Manassas 237 or Mrs. Goodrich at Manassas 235 so that plans can be made to accommodate those who want to attend.

On Monday and Tuesday, washers, driers and irons will be demonstrated, Wednesday small appliances (about 25 in all), Thursday and Friday, ranges will be explained. This should be most interesting and will answer many questions concerning any electrical appliance.

November 9th — The Catharpin Home Demonstration Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Bertha Stamm at 10 a. m. This will be an all day meeting. Project — Fabric Painting.

November 12th — The Cannon Branch Home Demonstration Club will also study Fabric painting at 7 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Orrin Cline.

November 13th — The Brentsville Home Demonstration Club will start their all day meeting at 10 a. m. in the Brentsville Court House. Project — etching aluminum trays.

November 14th — Sudley Home Demonstration Club will also have

an all day meeting, starting at 10 a. m. Project — Metallic stenciling. Mrs. Charles Compton will be the hostess.

November 15th — Woodbridge Home Demonstration Club will meet at Mrs. Gilmer Barber's at 10 a. m. for an all day meeting. Project — Metallic Stenciling.

November 16th — Hyamsmarket Home Demonstration Club will continue their Metallic Stenciling. They will meet at the Firehouse at 10 a. m. for an all day meeting.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE CONCERNING 4-H AND HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS

### XIII. Appraisal of the Year's Work

Home Demonstration Club work helps women interested in the affairs of their community, state, nation and the world as well as in improving their own homes. They realize that basic problems of the world today are much greater than physical ones. The adult program was planned to help meet some of the needs of every member, from the physical to the moral and spiritual.

Membership in the Home Demonstration Clubs continually change but membership has increased to 425 with the addition of a new club, Bradley Forest, which was organized on Feb. 22nd. This was the 1st group to organize in the community with 12 people at the organization. The group has now grown to 20 members. At the organizational meeting, one lady stated that she had lived in this community 4 years and had not met so many people as were at this meeting.

4-H Club work shows an improvement in quality in 1951 even though the record shows a loss in total membership. It is encouraging to work with 4-H Club members who will continue their club work after they leave the 7th grade. These girls will act as Jr. leaders to assist with the 4-H program in general and their interest will stimulate more leaders to become active to guide them. The help and time given to 195 4-H club girls during the year will strengthen the 4-H program and they in turn have shown that the motto "To Make the Best Better" is a real one.