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III. COUNTY SITUATION

Hockingham County is located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley, contains eight hundred seventy six square miles and approximately three thousand five hundred eighty-one farms. The soil is fertile and productive and the diversified program of farming includes poultry, dairying, fruits, small grains and live stock.

The people of Hockingham are conservative, yet progressive. They are thrifty and industrious and do not usually rely on just one source of income.

The present economic and world situation has influenced the adult part to a great extent in so much that they are eager to grasp all the information that they can to stretch the family resources.

IV. CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE 1951 PROGRAM TO BETTER FAMILY LIVING

A. Leadership

The Extension Program in Hockingham County in 1951 could not have expanded as it has had it not been for the cooperation and time given to the work by the voluntary leaders. For the past few years there has been a steady increase in the number of volunteer leaders participating. In 1949 the home demonstration club had ten hundred ten leaders, in 1950 there were three hundred one and in 1951 there are three hundred thirty six. The number of meetings held without the agent does not show an increase over those held in 1950 but in 1950 the county was with-

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out as agent for three months. In 1949 the leaders held one hundred sixty nine meetings without the agent present, in 1950 they held one hundred eighty three and in 1951 one hundred forty four.

The A-H Clubs also show an increase in leaders. In 1949 there were twenty nine project leaders, in 1950 there were forty three and in 1951 there are eighty. In 1949 there were ninety meetings held without the agent, in 1950 there were one hundred forty six and in 1951 the leaders held one hundred fifty.

During 1951 there have been one hundred eighty two new members added to the home demonstration membership. Two new clubs were organized - one in the Park View community and the other at St. Stephens. However, the total number of clubs shows an increase of only one, due to the fact that one club was disbanded in 1950.

The A-H Club enrollment has advanced from one hundred eleven in 1949 to two hundred ninety two in 1951. This is an increase of eighty six members in 1951. Two new in-school junior A-H clubs were organized in 1951, one at Escalotown and one at Hulsebyville. Again, the total number of clubs does not show an increase as the Escalotown group was organized when the Mountain Valley in-school club disbanded and the Hulsebyville club was organized when the Tracey School was closed.

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B. Housing:

In 1951 housing continued to be one of the county long-term goals. Emphasis has been placed on adding water systems, bathrooms and remodeling kitchens. County wide housing meetings have been held since 1946 and method demonstrations in the clubs, exhibits, tours, home visits by specialists and agents, radio and newspaper publicity have all helped to advance the work in this field.

During 1951 two hundred ten home owners report having made two hundred sixteen improvements in their kitchens. Thirty eight homeowners reporting had installed water in the kitchen and fifty-five had installed bathrooms.

C. Art in Daily Living

When the county planning committee recommended art in daily living for the county Federation goal the clubs were rather skeptical of it. This was so different from anything that they had ever had before. However, the clubs accepted the county committee's recommendation and each chairman appointed a Club Federation Goal Chairman. As a result many are getting busy in things closest at hand and learning to bring art and taste into everyday living.

D. Feeds:

1. Adult Feed Programs:

Many of the monthly demonstrations were given on feeds in 1951. Nutrition and better health for the family were the

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main points of emphasis. The two hundred ten members reporting encouraged five hundred fourteen to eat a good breakfast.

Economy and convenience are two words you have used with the ladies discuss the use of Master MIMS. The demonstration on Master MIMS made a bigger hit with the audience than any other one demonstration during the year.

2. 4-H:

One hundred twenty two girls enrolled in the food preparation project. This helped the girls plan, prepare and attractively serve healthful meals for their families. Demonstrations were given by Food Preparation girls at their club meetings and they entered county, area and district contests. The dairy food team from the Clover Hill Club was state winners in the dairy foods contest and received gold trophies as state prizes in this contest.

Mary Driver from the Clover Hill Club was named county winner in the Food Preparation Contest and was area representative in the district contest.

E. 4-H Clothing Project:

Clothing continued to be the main project for the girls in 1951 with one hundred ninety eight girls enrolled in the "Make or Remake" and "So You'd Like to Sew" projects. Two hundred thirty six garments were completed by one hundred forty-four girls enrolled in the "Make or Remake" unit.

Cerrine Wenger of Port Republic was county winner in the Style Dress Revue contest and Bonnie Miller from Lucky Clover was county winner in Clothing Achievement.

F. Other Activities:

The Rockingham County Agricultural Fair was held in 1951 for the third consecutive year. Although it is considered a small fair, the fair committee feels that the 1951 fair showed growth in every respect. In all of the home departments the quality of exhibits exceeded those of previous years.

V. ADULT WORK:

A. Project Work:

1. Housing:

Since 1948 housing has been a major phase of the adult Extension program in Rockingham County. In 1948 housing was the County Federation Goal and county meetings were held with special attention being given to kitchen planning. Since 1948 housing has been the County Long-Time Goal with emphasis being placed on kitchens, bathrooms, water and heating systems.

The program development chairman and housing leader in each club contacted members, listing persons concerned with a housing problem and the particular phase in which they were interested. From this list of requests, the Home Agent arranged a county wide meeting and Extension Housing Specialists discussed remodeling, installation of bathrooms and central heating systems with the twenty-four people attending the meeting. Two ladies brought

tentative plans for remodeling with them to the meeting and the specialists discussed these and made recommendations for improvements.

There are thirty-two housing result demonstrations and five of these have been added in 1951. Thirteen meetings have been held as result demonstrations with an attendance of two hundred fifty-nine.

Reports show that two hundred sixteen kitchens were improved in 1951, thirty-eight homemakers installed water in the kitchen, thirty-five bathrooms were installed, two hundred eight floors refinished, and ninety-eight closets built or remodeled.

Miss Rachael Martens, Associate Editor of The Farm Journal magazine, visited the homes to two result demonstrators, Mr. and Mrs. Dag Stickley at Penn Laird and Major and Mrs. Marc Freeman at Coates Store. Miss Mary Settle, Extension Housing Specialist and Miss Ruth Jamison, Extension House Furnishing Specialist, accompanied Miss Martens. The Stickleys have completely remodeled an old farm home. The game room on the ground floor was particularly interesting to Miss Martens because it is the kind of room any farm family would enjoy living in all of the time. The walls are paneled with walnut and the big open fire place is used for cooking as well as warmth and to add coziness to the room. Interests of all members of the family were considered when this room was planned. The window ledge opens up to make a desk for Mr. Stickley to use for settling up with the farm

helpers. There is a place for the boy's guns, books, children's games and books, one corner for the radio, record player and records. Any one person could be at home in this room.

The Progressive Farmer magazine used a picture of one of Rockingham's recent demonstrators, Mrs. Glenn Wine's laundry and utility room, for an illustrated article on workrooms. Mrs. Wine is a member of the West Rockingham Home Demonstration Club and has been one of the county's outstanding demonstrators.

Lighten Your Labors

With a Well Planned Workroom



Mrs. Glenn Wine, Rockingham County, Va., finds her work much easier since she added a carefully planned utility room. It is light, airy, and well arranged.

2. House Furnishings:

During 1951 two monthly meetings were devoted to house furnishing demonstrations on materials suitable for draperies and slipcovers and the arrangement of living room furniture. The agent gave a training meeting on the first subject and these leaders in turn gave seventeen demonstrations with an attendance of one hundred eighty-seven.

Mrs. J. M. Kline in the Timber Ridge community made draperies for her living and dining room in 1951. She used information from the demonstration on selection of materials suitable for draperies in choosing her fabrics. She did a very professional looking job, complete with padded valences. This was her first experience at making lined draperies with the valences but the finished product is one anyone would be proud of.

Miss Ruth Jamison, Extension House Furnishing Specialist, held a leader training meeting on arrangement of living room furniture with fifty-four ladies present. The afternoon session of the training meeting was devoted to first steps in refinishing furniture. The leaders gave eleven demonstrations on the above two topics with an attendance of one hundred fifty. Six special interest group meetings on refinishing furniture were conducted by the agents. As a result of the demonstrations given by the leaders on removing the old finish, the furniture was brought to the group meetings ready for the last steps in refinishing. As a result of these meetings, three hundred four

pieces of furniture have been refinished in the county. The ladies are delighted with their results and so proud that they can do their own refinishing with such a professional look.

Another big phase of the house furnishing program was the making of slip covers. The house furnishing specialist conducted a leader training meeting on "Steps in Slip Cover Construction" with forty-eight ladies present. Four special interest group meetings were held by leaders and agents with eighty-two ladies present. As a result of these meetings one hundred ninety six slip covers have been made.

The agent feels that the time devoted to house furnishings during 1951 has been most gratifying in helping the rural people have attractive homes at a minimum cost.

The picture below was taken at one of the special interest group meetings on "Steps in Slip Cover Construction". At the same meeting the Woman's Editor at the local radio station WSWA made a tape recording that was played on one of her daily broadcasts.

H-D Slip Cover Demonstration Given Here



INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THREE COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS watch Miss Carolyn Driver, Home Demonstration agent, and Miss Kathleen Wampler, assistant agent, give a demonstration on slip covers at a recent meeting held at the Valley Creamery Social Hall. Clubs represented were Pleasant Hill, Dale Enterprise, and Parkview. Four other meetings will be held at various points in the county to give the same demonstration.

3. Foods:

During 1951 three monthly meetings have been devoted to food demonstrations on "Better Breakfasts for Better Health", "Master Mixes" and "Foods that Fill Body Needs".

The Extension Assistant Food and Nutrition Specialist conducted a leader training meeting on the first above topic with forty-five leaders present. These leaders in turn gave twenty-one demonstrations with an attendance of two hundred fifty-eight. Reports show that the homemakers influenced five hundred fourteen to eat better breakfasts.

After the training meeting on better breakfasts the assistant food specialist gave a demonstration on freezing prepared foods. This special interest meeting was well attended with over eighty people present.

The Assistant Food Specialist also conducted training meetings for the other two monthly demonstrations. Forty-nine ladies attended the leader training meeting and gave fifteen demonstrations on "Master Mixes" with an attendance of two hundred twenty-two. The leaders gave fifteen demonstrations on "Foods That Fill Body Needs" with two hundred seventy-five ladies present.

Through these food demonstrations the ladies have become more conscious of the meaning of "being well fed" and the importance well selected foods play in having stronger bodies.

4. Handicrafts:

Handicrafts have not been a major part of the adult program in 1951 but an important phase of it, in that they have learned to make constructive use of leisure time and have learned to express themselves in an artistic way. They not only have added cheerfulness and color to their own homes but have given handicraft articles for gifts. Through this they were able to give nicer gifts for a smaller cost and something that the receiver really appreciated because of the personal touch of the giver.

Two of the home demonstration club members have been able to add to the family income by selling their handicraft articles. Over one thousand five hundred aluminum trays have been etched and six hundred eighty-seven pieces of fabric stenciled.

5. Home Account Keepers:

Four home demonstration club women who sell on the market are home account demonstrators. In 1950 three of these ladies attended a home account school conducted by the Home Management Specialist. The agent has, through conferences and home visits, kept in touch with them throughout the year.

6. Home Grounds Beautification:

One monthly demonstration was devoted to beautification of home grounds. The Extension Horticulturist conducted a training meeting on "Color as it Affects Plans for Shrubs and Perennial Flower Borders." Forty-seven ladies attended

the training meeting in the morning and the result demonstration he conducted in the afternoon at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kline in the Timber Ridge community. Twenty-six demonstrations were given by leaders on the above topic with an attendance of two hundred fifty-five.

There are three result demonstrations being conducted in the county on home ground beautification. One of the Extension Horticulturists has visited each home.

B. Other Activities:

1. Federation Activities:

a. Federation Goal:

During 1951 the home demonstration clubs carried two Federation Goals - "Youth and Community Recreation" and Art in Daily Living".

(1). Youth and Community Recreation

For three years the home demonstration clubs have had this as their Federation Goal. In 1950 two older youth groups were organized in the county with the guidance of the home demonstration clubs. Each club had a youth chairman and assisted with leadership in the 4-H clubs and Young Men and Women's groups. The following aims were set up by the Federation Goal Committee at the Fall Planning meeting:

- (a). Furnish more leaders for 4-H clubs

- (b). Help provide opportunity for young people to prepare themselves for adult living
- (c). Be available to render assistance as advisors in Young Men and Women's Clubs in carrying out their county or community service projects

Mrs. K. R. Alexander of the Pleasant Hill Club has served as County Youth and Community Recreation Chairman for three years. She worked with the County Committee and Agent in working out suggestions for activities to carry out Federation Goals in each club. The county chairman sent a letter to all club goal chairmen. In January, each goal chairman discussed plans for club activities during the year. The club goal chairman followed through with club in getting results on objectives set up in January meeting.

The Elkton Home Demonstration Club attended the Young Men and Women's New Year's square dance at the Gables Hotel in Elkton, furnished cookies and punch and served the refreshments. The young people brought sandwiches. At several other youth functions during the year this same club furnished cookies.

The Coates Store Home Demonstration Club gave their A-H club members a Christmas party at the Timberville Fire House. Besides playing games and having an evening of fun with plenty of cookies, pop corn balls and fruit

punch, the girls were given plastic make-up cases and the boys received a shoe shine kit.

The Keesletown Home Demonstration Club prepared and served the food for the Young Men and Women's banquet held in the Valley Creamery Social Hall in Harrisonburg.

The Timberville Home Demonstration Club helped sponsor a Youth Fellowship in their community, which was held at one of the churches. Other adult organizations in the community also cooperated with this project.

An in-school 4-H club was organized in the McGeheysville community and three home demonstration club members volunteered to serve as leaders for the junior group.

This goal has strengthened the work with youth in local communities and made the home demonstration club members more conscious of the need for wholesome recreation and youth activities under adult sponsorship in the community.

(2). Art in Daily Living:

Art in Daily Living was a new trend of thought for the ladies. The Extension Rural Arts Specialist met with the county club Federation Goal Chairman to outline suggestions for activities in each club on Art in Daily Living. It was suggested that each club meeting open with group singing and that the opening or devot-

ional portion of each meeting emphasize some phase of art. The Club Federation Goal Chairman planned with club members in January the activities they were interested in having on art during the year. In addition to this monthly reminders or suggestions for art in daily living thoughts were published in the club yearbook. This was a help to the club goal chairman and proved to be a satisfactory way of helping them with their monthly programs. Most clubs devoted ten minutes or more of each meeting to some phase of art. A majority of the clubs used one of their club choice months for a program on art. Waste appreciation, picture and nature study were some of the topics they most enjoyed.

The Keokuktown Club had a Stephen Foster program. Mrs. Linda Betts Frazier and Mrs. Cornelia Betts dressed in costume and acted out scenes portraying Stephen Foster's life. Two of the Keokuktown 4-H club girls also took part in the program. This club also kept a scrapbook of the activities on this Federation Goal. This scrapbook was exhibited at the County Acknowledgment Day program and will be given to a student in the community at Christmastime.

The Mt. Crawford Club had a musical program with their club members giving the history of favorite hymns.

They had a club quartette that sang several selections and two ladies played a piano duet.

The Elkton Home Demonstration Club enjoyed having a local artist discuss the selection of pictures for the home.

Three club members were awarded Federation Reading Certificates during 1951. They were the first ladies to receive Reading Certificates in Hocking County.

The thought given to this goal has encouraged home demonstration club members to broaden their scope of appreciation of Art in Daily Living through reading, good music and appreciation of the beauties of nature. After one year, they are so enthusiastic over this goal that they plan to continue their activities under it another year.

8. District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs:

The meeting of the Eighth District of Home Demonstration Clubs was held in Wagoners with nineteen ladies from Hocking County attending. The total attendance for the day was six hundred.

9. Attendance at Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs:

The County Home Demonstration Committee voted to send two delegates to the State Federation meeting at

V. P. I. Fifteen club women, the assistant home agent and the home agent from Rockingham were in attendance at the State Federation meeting. A report on the club meeting was given at the fall planning meeting and suggestions from these reports were used by the planning committee in 1992's program.

2. County Fairs

The Rockingham Agricultural Fair was held for the third consecutive year at the Linville Edom ball park in August. Each home demonstration club had a fair display. We worked with the Ladies of her club, assisting them with planning for their fair exhibits.

The home demonstration clubs had a larger responsibility in connection with the fair in 1991 than in previous years. The County Committee wanted to increase their treasury and asked the Fair Committee if they might have a food booth at the county fair. The Home Demonstration Committee felt that they could not only be helping themselves but would also help the Fair Association as the profits are split fifty-fifty and the Fair Committee's part of the profit will be put into a fund to buy a permanent County Fair Ground.

3. County Home Demonstration Club Market:

The County Home Demonstration Club market is sponsored by the County Home Demonstration Club Committee. There

have been eleven to thirteen ladies selling each week during the year.

The total sales for the market in 1949 were \$12,867.42. 1950 sales amounted to \$12,439.22 and total sales for 1951 up to November 1, were \$13,539.53. The 1951 sales were \$1,100.31 higher than in 1950.

4. County Rest Rooms:

The County-City Rest Room, sponsored by the Rockingham Home Demonstration Clubs continues to be one of the most important community and county projects. Each club has a rest room chairman and the clubs feel that the support of this project is their first major responsibility in club projects. Each club makes a yearly contribution to the rest room to be used for care and maintenance of the room. The County Rest Room Committee is composed of each club rest room chairman and officers are elected by the County Home Demonstration Club Committee. This committee takes care of the planning in connection with the rest room project. Rest room officers serve two years with expiration of terms staggered. Many out of county and state people visit our rest room and they, as well as our own county folk, appreciate its convenience. Over fifty thousand people used the rest room during the year.

5. Achievement Day:

The Rockingham County home demonstration club members

held their annual Achievement Day on October 17th at the Montevideo High School with 300 members attending. Accomplishments of the clubs were presented in a pageant form, "1951 in Review". Written by Mrs. J. Owen Beard and narrated by Mrs. Lowell Miller, both of the Linville-Edom Club, the yearly review portrayed the Home Demonstration Club set-up and enumerated the activities of the year.

The Reverend Albert G. Edwards, pastor of the Harrisonburg Presbyterian Church, spoke at the afternoon session on "Misunderstood Truths".

Rockingham H-D Women Report Year's Achievements



Accomplishments Graphically Shown At Annual Meet

Accomplishments of the 29 Rockingham County Home Demonstration Clubs were presented in a pageant form, "1951 in Review," at the annual Achievement Day held yesterday at Montevideo High School, attended by 250 club members.

Written by Mrs. J. Owen Beard and narrated by Mrs. Lowell Miller, of the Linville-Edom Club, the yearly review portrayed the Home Demonstration Club set-up and enumerated the activities of the clubs.

Introducing the pageant, were Mrs. B. S. McKay, of Edom, representing the USDA and Miss Dorothy Conn, of McGabeyville representing the Virginia Experiment Station. The USDA administers a nation-wide educational program for rural people and the VEA gives results of experiments on scientific methods of farming and homemaking, the narrator said.

Club Committee

Supporting the two is the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service, represented by Miss Carolyn Driver, home agent and Miss Kathleen Wampler, assistant. Rounding out the H-D Club set-up is the county home demonstration club committee composed of the presidents and program development leaders of each club, five members at large and the county federation goal chairman.

The committee sponsored special interest meetings on these subjects: home grounds, housing, refinishing furniture, slip covers and freezing. It helped to sponsor the County Agricultural Fair and maintained a food booth there.

The County-city Rest Room is maintained through the clubs. A home demonstration club market is in progress each Saturday.

Federation Goals

The county federation goals, "Youth and Community Recreation" and "Art in Daily Living," were set up by the committee. On the roll are 1145 members in the 29 H-D clubs and 279 girls in nineteen 4-H Clubs. Aside from these organizations, the clubs sponsor the East Rockingham and West Rockingham Young Men and Women's Clubs.

This year, 290 H-D Club meetings were held with an attendance of 4,197.

Explanatory of the project accomplishments were the following:

Mrs. L. B. Oakes, of Groves, illustrating the 452 rooms in which furniture was rearranged for greater convenience; Mrs. D. R. Thacker, of Park View, 204 slip covers made in the county; Mrs. Miller Spitzer, of Tenth Legion, 186 pieces of furniture refinished; Mrs. Ray Simmons, of Spring Creek, 216 members making improvements in their kitchens for greater efficiency.

Food Preserved

Mrs. O. D. Smith, of Criders, illustrating the 28,081 quarts of vegetables canned by Rockingham Club women; 29,560 quarts of fruit and 19,295 quarts of meal. There were also, according to the tabulated report read by the narrator, 12,476 pounds of vegetables frozen, 14,265 pounds of fruit and 19,535 pounds of meat frozen.

Mrs. Jay Martin, of Dale En

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terprise, as an outgrowth of the better breakfast program, said 402 members had encouraged every member of their families to eat better breakfasts. Mrs. B. M. VanLear, of Timber Ridge, illustrated the improvements made by 418 of the members in yards, porches and walks; Mrs. Layton Armentrout, Fellowship Club, represented the aluminum tray making; Mrs. Lawrence Kline, Timberville, towel stenciling; Mrs. Glendon Knapp, etched glasses. Completed in the tray project were 1918; and 812 pieces of fabric and 617 articles stenciled.

County Fair Exhibits

Mrs. C. G. Miller, of Mt. Crawford, displayed a sample of the 392 exhibits entered in the Rockingham Fair by H-D women. Mrs. Runion, of Riverside Club, exhibited a sample from the demonstration in flower arrangements and the making of corsages; and Mrs. J. L. Swecker, of Spring Creek, representing one of the 50 H-D Club leaders, displayed a clothing project example of one of her club's members.

Others taking part were Mrs. F. L. Pope, Bridgewater; Mrs. A. L. Thomas, Pleasant Hill; Mrs. James Easton, Mt. Sinai; Mrs. Frank Phillips, Mt. Valley; Mrs. William Richards, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. A. L. Wonderly, Port Republic; Mrs. Elbert Smith, Mt. Zion; Mrs. Welty Hensley, Elkton; Mrs. Mary Keesle, Keezletown; Mrs. Casper Turner, Cootes Shore; Mrs. Maggie Hensley, Humes Run; and Mrs. J. B. McComb, Mt. Clinton.

Rev. Edwards Speaks

The Rev. Albert G. Edwards, pastor of the Harrisonburg Presbyterian Church, speaking at the

afternoon session on "Misunderstood Youth", said that although the actions of many of today's youth are termed by some as malicious the real reason for their arrogant, boastful, headstrong, destructive ways is that of inferiority complex. "The Youth," he said, "Are frustrated, uncertain, disappointed and they are seeking to conceal and deny it by resorting to acts of boldness, violence, and mischief."

After recounting several reasons for the presence in youth this destructive inferiority complex, the speaker suggested that the cure be found in the homes and churches. "The home," he said, "must seek to understand its youth, and to recognize that many lives are being injured by parents who expect far too much from their children, and who set goals for them that are beyond their powers to attain."

Commenting on the role to be

played by the church, the speaker asserted that the philosophy of life so desperately needed by our youth is to be found only through the church.

"The church, alone," he said, "proclaims the truths that a man's life consisteth in the abundance of things he possesseth, that the world is largely dependent upon ordinary, average individuals, that God expects no more from an individual than he is capable of performing, and that in God's sight even the lowest of worthwhile tasks is significant and worthy."

The speaker concluded by stating that our misunderstood rather than malicious youth will be helped and bettered only when homes are influenced by the Church and the Church supported by the home.

Presiding over the program was Mrs. John Fawley, of Broadway, county chairman.

Don Glick, of the Montevideo faculty, led group singing. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. P. G. Wenger, of the Linville-Pdum Club.

Boyd G. Glick, principal, gave the welcoming address with response by Mrs. Lee Patterson, of Grottoes. Special music was presented by Miss Jane Mohler, of the Montevideo faculty. Leading group singing in the afternoon was Nelson T. Huffman, of Bridgewater.

Visiting from other clubs were Mrs. Annie Hiser, of Stephens City and Mrs. Walter Pettitt, of Page County.

Rockingham County H-D federation officers are Mrs. John Fawley, Broadway, president; Mrs. I. S. Calhoun, Dale Enterprise, vice-president; Mrs. Dwight Jordan, Spring Creek, secretary; and Mrs. D. Hinton Rolston, Mt. Clinton, treasurer.

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6. Library:

The building of the new County Library has begun and most of the home demonstration clubs made a generous contributions to the Library Building Fund for the second year.

7. Health Activities:

All Home Demonstration Club members participate in and support the different community health activities. The individual clubs make generous contributions to the different health activities and club members help promote the Cancer Foundation drive, Tuberculosis, Red Cross, March of Dimes and Heart and Chest X-ray program through their contributions and by passing information on to the people in their communities about the objectives and the good to society that results from supporting these drives.

8. Religious Education:

The Rockingham County people have always promoted good Christian training and many of the clubs helped support the county Religious Education Program in the public schools during 1951. The Linville-Eden Club contributed \$55.00 to this religious program. However, all clubs are not able to contribute that generously.

VI. 4-H CLUB

A. Project Work:

Three projects were given special attention at the project and club meetings- meal planning, preparation and service and two clothing projects. "Make and Remake" and "So You'd Like to Sew" were the projects in which most of the demonstrations were given. These projects were the ones that were agreed upon at the 4-H planning meeting which was held in the fall of 1950.

This does not mean, however, that these were the only projects carried during the year. There were girls enrolled in other projects and they received help other than written material from the agents and leaders.

B. Meal Planning, Preparation and Service:

This project is always one of the most popular projects in Buckingham County. Instruction was given in this project during the fall and winter months last year. Since a great many of the meetings are held in school buildings, it is much easier to get this instruction in than on the clothing project.

There were one hundred twenty-two girls enrolled in this project and one hundred eight girls completed the project and turned in records. This is one project in which there is a rather high percentage of completions because quite a lot of the girls help with meal preparation at home as a part of their home duties. Four girls entered contests which came within this project.

2. Clothing:

The girls enrolled in two clothing projects during the year. The elder girls did work on the "Make and Remake" project and the others on "So You'd Like to Sew".

One hundred ninety-eight girls enrolled in the clothing project in 1951. Of this number, one hundred forty-nine completed the projects and turned in their records. This is not a percentage of completions that is too pleasing but it is hoped by another year this can be improved. Two hundred thirty-six garments were completed by the girls in the "Make of Remake" project. There was some very satisfactory work done during the year but there is a lot to be taught before the standards that are desired can be attained.

Most of the work was done on this project during the summer months. The girls learn to select material and a pattern that will be suitable for them and then the various steps in construction.

The girls in "So You'd Like to Sew" were taught the basic principles needed in clothing construction. Some of them made very simple articles such as a head scarf, tray cloth and then some of them made simple skirts and blouses.

3. Food Preservation:

This is not one of the most popular projects in club work. Those who took the project, however, did a very good job of completing it and sending in the records. There were only nineteen girls enrolled and seventeen completed the project.

That there will be more interest in the project during 1952 is the hope of the agents. There are a number of people in the county who are getting home freezers and maybe this will be an incentive for some of the girls to carry this project.

4. Room Improvement:

One of the girls in the county has done a very nice job in this project again this year. Beverly Wampler has done a good job in her own room and she has helped others in her club as well as in other clubs. She was an area winner in the district contest. She has helped plan and conduct a tour for the members in her own club and has shown her work to many other people.

Other girls in the county have made a beginning on their rooms but have many more things to do yet. There has been some new interest shown during the year and in 1952 we hope that the report will be much more pleasing. Of the twenty-eight girls who enrolled in the project, only sixteen sent records in to the office.

5. Laundry:

This is still one project that has very few people enrolled in it in 1951. Joann VanPelt was the county winner in the laundry contest and she was trained partly by last years winner, Frances Shifflette, and of course her leader, Mrs. J. L. Swecker.

Twenty-four girls enrolled in one of the laundry units and seventeen of this number completed the project. Of this number most of the girls were enrolled in the Personal Laundry unit.

There were a few, however, who did Family Washing and Ironing.

6. Rural Electrification:

A pretty good beginning was made in this project this year although the figures may not indicate this. Twenty girls enrolled in the project and only ten of them stuck with it to the end. It came at a very busy time in the year but those who did the work learned quite a lot.

Mary Jane Anderson from Briery Branch was the county winner. She learned a lot about repairing service cords, caring for electrical equipment and did an excellent job of keeping her record. Along with the other things, she learned that a neat record will go a long way toward success.

B. Other Activities:

1. Contests:

The contests have always been one of the highlights in 4-H club work during each year. Twenty-three girls participated in the county contests and eight of these girls went to the area contests which were held at the Woodrow Wilson High School in Fishersville.

Nancy Shifflette and Nancy Van Pelt from the Clover Hill Club were state winners in the Dairy Foods contests which were run off at the state Short Course in Blacksburg. These girls were partially trained by a former dairy foods team from their club. Again, Mrs. Swecker, their leader stood by patiently to help them in every way possible.

Beverly Wampler from the Dayton 4-H club gave a demonstration on making lamp shades. She did a very commendable job. Not only did she do this for the contest but she took over one of the demonstrations at a home demonstration club when it was impossible for either of the agents to be present at the meeting.

Area Winners in 4-H Homemaking



AREA WINNERS IN THE 4-H CLUB HOMEMAKING CONTEST at Wilson Memorial High School Saturday. The winners and the contests in which they won were:
Left to right (standing)—Emogene Wormeldorf, Rockbridge County, frozen foods; Jackie Stephenson, Bath County, style dress revue; Mary Driver, Rockingham County, food preparation; Nancy Van Pelt, and Nancy Shiffette, of Rockingham, Dairy Foods Team;
Seated—Joanne Van Pelt, Rockingham County, laundry; Beverly Jane Wampler, Rockingham, home improvement; Doris Wills, Augusta County, Dairy Foods individual; and Joann Truxwell, Augusta County, canning.

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Perpetual Motion



Virginia's top dairy foods demonstration team for 1950 goes through its paces while the '49 winners look on. Shown are (left to right): Nancy Jean Van Pelt, Nancy Shifflett, Mary Driver, and Jo Ellen Bodkins.

By Gene Moody

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CLOVER Hill 4-H Club in Rockingham County has a case of "perpetual motion."

The story in a nutshell goes something like this:

Grace and Nancy Revercomb were first in the state dairy foods demonstration team contest in 1948. They trained Mary Driver and Jo Ellen Bodkins, who were first in 1949. Mary and Jo Ellen trained Nancy Jean Van Pelt and Nancy Shifflett, who took top honors in 1950.

On top of that, Jo Ellen was first in the state laundry contest in 1948, and trained Frances Shifflett who was district winner in 1950, and who trained Jo Ann Van Pelt who was area winner in 1951. Furthermore, Nancy Revercomb was a national winner in recreation and rural arts in 1950. And Grace Revercomb was state food preparation winner in 1949. She trained Eleanor Layman of the Keezletown Club who was area winner in 1950.

Obviously, the policy of the club is for winners to train other winners who train others—and so on into perpetual motion.

Much of the credit, the girls say, goes to their leaders, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sweecker, who have been doing this sort of thing for 17 years.

"You'll never get old working with young people," say the Sweeckers, who have no children of their own.

The Sweeckers have "adopted" the

members of the Clover Hill Club, and in addition to helping them with their club work, act as chauffeurs, tutors, give advice on everything from affairs of the heart to what to wear, and, in general, double for parents.

Club members' activities are heartily supported by their parents, and by their other adult leaders who are Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shifflett and Mary Shifflett.

Boys in the club also are active, and take such projects as sow and litter, gardening, dairying, and poultry.

Mrs. Sweecker reports that over 140 boys and girls have been members of the Clover Hill Club since she and her husband became leaders. To increase membership each year, they make a prospective membership list and in January, the leaders, agents, and older club members visit the girls and boys, invite them to club meeting, and explain the club program to them.

The recreation goal calls for a variety of activities, at least three parties, three picnics, two skating parties, a watermelon feast, and basketball.

In the future, the club plans to sponsor a community center. "We have no school auditorium or community building for recreation, plays, or public programs," Mrs. Sweecker explains. "We have several acres of ground donated for a building site, and we hope we can soon have the much-needed structure."

2. 4-H Achievement Day:

The 4-H Achievement Day program was held November 7th at the Masonic Hall in Harrisonburg. Two hundred members, parents, leaders, guests and friends attended the banquet.

John Acker from the Port Republic club is the county council president and he acted as toastmaster at the banquet. Mr. Jack Tyree who is the associate 4-H club director was present at the banquet and made a very short speech. The remarks he made were very well chosen and the audience enjoyed him very much. The agents made awards won by the girls in the 1951 contests. Also on the program were some musicians from Shenandoah College who gave us several good and entertaining numbers.

Several of the clubs fixed exhibits in store windows, schools and other public places of business to help celebrate National 4-H Achievement week.

Rockingham 4-H Clubs Achievement Dinner



Seated—(l to r): Miss Kathleen Wampler, asst. home agent; Jack Tyree, associate state 4-H club director and speaker; John Acker, Port Republic, County 4-H Council chairman and toastmaster; T. L. Brown, asst. farm agent; Miss Carolyn Driver, home agent.
Standing—Wilbur S. Pence, county school supt.; Ken Peterson, farm agent; Beatrice Rivercomb, county agent; Ruth Layman, Keezletown, treasurer; Helen Dellinger, Keezletown, vice president; and A. H. Funnhouser, McGaheysville, adviser.

3. Rally Day:

The 4-H Rally Day was held in June at Ed's Park with over ~~one hundred~~ 4-H members, parents, leader, etc. present. The county council officers were elected and installed that day.

Another feature on the Rally Day program was a talent show. Each club was asked to present some little skit or bit of talent ~~lasting~~ not over five minutes. A very interesting program was presented by taking care of it in this manner.

Throughout the day there was group singing, a picnic lunch, softball game, swimming and other entertainment.

This is one of the things that 4-H members look forward to from one year to another. Rally Day and Achievement Day add spice to the work that must be done throughout the year.

4. 4-H Camp:

Only ~~ten~~ girls from Rockingham County attended camp this year. This is a drop from last year, but one that is relatively easy to account for. The County Fair was held the same week as camp and of course the ones who were interested in one were interested in both.

Samy Revercomb was one of the leaders this year. She was not only a cabin leader but also helped the assistant a great deal in handling the crafts. The campers stenciled T-shirts and with very good results although this is a craft that takes a lot of time on the part of the camper as well as the person in charge. For such a difficult craft, the results were very gratifying.

5. Rural Life Sunday:

One of the things the 4-H clubs participate in each year is Rural Life Sunday. Several of the clubs in the county planned and held a special church service in their communities. The 4-H members took charge of the music, the devotionals, some did various readings, took charge of ushering and the offertory.

One of the clubs used the money received from the offertory and donated it to the week-day religious education drive. Besides this they donated fifteen dollars from their club treasury.

This is one event the club members participate in that helps develop the rural boy and girl and make him a more well-rounded person.

6. Short Courses:

The State Short Course was a highlight for a number of Rockingham 4-H members. Three girls including the girls entering contests attended the short course in 1950. Ms. Supter was awarded a scholarship and she took over most of the responsibility of the girls since the agents had so many other special duties.

Nancy Revercomb who was one of the National Recreation winners in 1949 was taken into the All-Star chapter at the meeting in 1950.

7. T. B. Bangle Sale:

Many of the 4-H clubs participated in the T. B. Bangle sale sponsored by the Rockingham County T. B. Association. All of the clubs in the county collected six hundred thirty-five dollars. The two clubs that were high each collected over two hundred dollars.

The club in third place was not too far behind. The Port Republic club had the highest sales for the third year straight. A club must win the plaque three years in succession and then it becomes the permanent possession of that club. This type of thing helps encourage the health of the 4-H members and it is hoped that some of them will take an interest in the health project.

T-B Association Awards to 4-H Clubs



MRS. HELEN WINE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY T. B. Association presents the Walnut T. B. Association Plaque for the largest sale of T. B. Bangles to John Acker, President of the Port Republic 4-H Club. Left to right, H. T. Acker, Sr., boys adult leader; Carroll Johnson, girls adult leader; John Acker, club president; James Acker, vice president; Mrs. Helen Wine, executive secretary, Rockingham T. B. Association; Miss Carolyn Driver, County Home Demonstration Agent; Len Hollomon, Assistant County Farm Agent.

8. Best Club Contest:

The local Kiwanis Club helps back the local 4-H club program in that they sponsor the Best Club Contest each year. The clubs are asked to send in a list of things that their local club has done during the year. They are judged on the community activities their club has participated in, attendance at meetings, project completions and other points on which the Kiwanis Club thinks that the clubs should be judged. They offer nice money prizes to the sig clubs in the county with the best records. This gives the club as a whole something to work toward each year.

Rockingham 4-H Clubs Get Kiwanis Awards



KIWANIS PRESIDENT WALTER GREEN PRESENTS ANNUAL AWARDS to Presidents of Rockingham 4-H Clubs at luncheon yesterday. (front row, l to r) Norris Simmons, Spring Creek; Mrs. J. L. Swecker, Clover Hill leader; Ann Lohr, Tenth Legion; Ruth Layman, Keeletown. (Rear row) County Agent Ken Peterson, Kiwanis committee chairman; Bobby Kountz, Rockingham 4-H council president; Lynnwood Byerley, Lucky Clover; John Acker, Fort Republic (first place winner).

9. County Fair:

The 1951 Rockingham County Fair was the third fair that they have had since the war. Each year the fair grows both in quantity and quality of the exhibits. The 4-H members get a big thrill out of entering things even though they don't all win a prize. They feel that a number of people have seen their work and they are eager to show it.

By another year, we hope that the quantity as well as the quality will improve because unless this is true, growth is hard to realize.

10. YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN'S WORK:

In 1950, two Young Men and Women groups were organized in the county. For the first year, most of their activities were of a recreational nature. In 1951, they had an educational program in addition to the recreational activities. The Extension Older Youth Specialist set up a county program committee, including representatives from each club, and they agreed and discussed ways to strengthen their program. Each club member was given a check sheet to designate their choice of topics for program during the year. These lists were checked by the committee and they outlined the 1951 program from the points of the check sheets. The suggested program for the year was approved by each individual club and a year book incorporated for each member.

Their program included discussion groups, guest speakers and movies on the following topics: Ethics, personal improvement,

personality adjustments, and safety. For special programs the groups held joint meetings.

In March the two groups had a banquet in the Valley Creamery social hall with fifty young people present. Kent Loviag, International Farm Youth Exchange student was guest speaker.

Below is the picture of County Young Men and Women officers and guest at their banquet.

Rockingham YMW Club Banquet



OFFICERS AND GUESTS AT THE FIRST BANQUET OF THE EAST AND WEST ROCKINGHAM Young Men's and Women's Club which was held at the Valley Creamery Social Hall. Seated (left to right): Clinton Kennedy, president; Evelyn Lam, secretary; Alice Hammer, reporter; Fred Hoff, vice-president. (Standing) Frank Wilson, 1951 Virginia exchange delegate; Kent Loviag, guest speaker; Carolyn Caricefe, county recreation chairman; Arthur McDaniel, toastmaster.

Ellen Patterson attended the Tri-State Conference in Pennsylvania and was most enthusiastic over the activities at this meeting.

During 1951, one of the major recreational activities of the older youth group was the county New Year's square dance at the Gables Hotel in Eflon. The county recreational leader was chairman of the committee that made plans for the dance. Only one hundred tickets were sold to limit the crowd. During the summer months they had a swimming party, box supper, soft ball game and picnic.

Below are pictures taken at the New Year's square dance. You can see that everyone has having a wonderful time.



VIII. STATE OF WASH

	1948	1949	1950	1951
<u>C. H. B. Clubs or Groups</u>	27	27	28	29
<u>Membership</u>	1000	927	963	1145
<u>No. 4-H Clubs</u>	19	19	19	19
<u>Membership</u>	218	211	236	292
<u>No. Y.M. Groups</u>			2	2
<u>Membership</u>			58	58
<u>No. of other families reached</u>	2132	1927	2100	2637 approx.
<u>Total No. families reached</u>	3125	3000	3300	3782 approx.

IX. BRIEF STATEMENT AS TO HOW THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FUNCTIONED IN THE 1951 PROGRAM

A. County Home Demonstration Committee:

The county Home Demonstration Committee served as the planning committee to set up the year's program. The Executive Board of the Home Demonstration Committee met before the spring and fall meeting and has served as the guiding or piloting committee for the program.

The program development chairman, which was added in 1949, continues to be helpful in setting up the calendar program and presenting outline material to their clubs.

In 1951, the county Home Demonstration Committee had a food booth at the County Agricultural Fair. A steering committee was appointed by the county chairman to make plans for the booth. Each club was assigned days and certain hours to work. The County Treasury received a good boost from the \$232.68 which was their part of the total profit.

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County H-D Officers



OFFICERS OF ROCKINGHAM HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS which met Tuesday in a planning meeting are: (left to right); (seated) Mrs. L. S. Calhoun, Dale Enterprise, vice chairman; Mrs. John Fawley, Broadway, newly-elected chairman; (standing), Mrs. D. Hinton Robston, Mt. Clinton, treasurer; Mrs. Dwight Jordan, Sprigg Creek, newly elected secretary

B. County 4-H Project Planning Committee:

The County 4-H Project Planning Committee is composed of the 4-H leaders, two junior project leaders (or older girls) from each club and the county Home Agents. Prior to the county meeting each club discusses their choice of projects. The leaders and older girls use the results of their club discussion as a basis for their project planning at the county meeting. The recommendations on the planning committee are taken back to each club for approval.

C. County 4-H Club Council:

The County 4-H Council is composed of officers of all county 4-H clubs and representatives of the All-Star organization. The adult leaders and Extension Agents serve as the advisory board to the council. The council held two meetings this year and were in charge of the arrangements for the annual rally day in June and the achievement banquet in November.

One of the most outstanding things the 4-H county council did during the year was to run a feed booth at the county fair. This was the first money-making project the council had sponsored in several years. The council realized a net profit of two hundred fifteen dollars and eighty-eight cents. There was a committee from the council appointed to make all the preliminary plans and then each club was assigned a certain time to "man" the booth. Besides making the much needed money for the council, this was good training in business matters and cooperation with the other clubs. Learning to take responsibility is one thing that the

4-H club tries to get young people to do in club work.

D. County Chapter of 4-H All-Stars:

The County All-Star Chapter has helped to plan and sponsor the county-wide events for the 4-H clubs. Four all-stars attended the All-Star Conference and State 4-H Short Course in Blacksburg in June. One All-Star, Carolyn Caricofe, of Dayton, attended the 1951 Interstate 4-H Club All-Star Conference at the University of Tennessee.

The All-Star chapter held two county social functions during the year - a banquet and a picnic. One of the highlights of their activities was a farewell party for Franklin Wilson, International Farm Youth Exchange Student, from Augusta County. Franklin spent the summer months in Lebanon and the Rockingham All-Stars were happy to have this joint function with our neighboring county in honor of one of their All-Stars.

E. Board of Directors, Young Men and Women's Clubs:

The Board of Directors of the Young Men and Women's Clubs is composed of all officers from each of the two organized groups in the county, with county Extension Agents as advisors. From this group, county officers are elected. The board makes plans for county-wide events and reviews work done in individual clubs.

G. LEADERSHIP

A. Contributions of Volunteer Leaders to the Program:

1. Adult:

a. Organizational:

Co. All Stars In Annual Banquet

Forty Members And
Guest Meet At
Valley Creamery

Rockingham County 4-H Club All Stars met at the Valley Creamery Social Hall Saturday night for their annual banquet.

Billy Wampler, Big Chief, was toastmaster for the occasion which was attended by approximately forty members and guests. The big chief presented the following members to the group who have been elected to offices for the coming year: Carolyn Caricofe, Lesser Chief, Bonnie Lou May, Scribe, and Gilbert Counts, Medicine Man.

Students Introduced

All Stars from other county chapters in the state, who are students at Madison College, were introduced to the group. They were Cora Blackmore, State Scribe, Princess Anne County; Ann Ragsdale, Dinwiddie; Patay Ann Norwood, Halifax; Rosamond Abemathy, Dinwiddie; Patricia Botkin, Augusta, and Mildred Butler, a member of the West Virginia all star chapter. Mrs. Edith Mae Bryant, an all star from Rockbridge County, Gladys Farmer, Pulaski, Ann Lee Wills, Augusta, and Lynn Kiser, Page were also introduced as guests.

As part of the program, members who attended the Inter-County All Star Conference held at Newport, R.L. last fall gave reports of the activities of the conference.

Is High Honor

Membership in the all star organization is granted to 4-H club members who have excelled in project work and club and community leadership. It is one of the highest honors that can come to a 4-H club member. As is the case in most all counties of the state, one boy and one girl are chosen from Rockingham County each year for membership in the organization. If they receive the majority vote of members of the local chapter and the unanimous vote of the state chapter they are tapped and initiated in impressive ceremonies which are held at the State Short Course at V.P.I. each June. The Rockingham Chapter of 4-H Club All Stars now has fifty members.

Co. 4-H All Star Officers



OFFICERS OF ROCKINGHAM ALL-STAR CHAPTER AT ANNUAL banquet Saturday night: Left to right; seated, Billy Wampler, Big Chief; Bonnie Lou May, Scribe; Standing, Carolyn Caricofe, Lesser Chief; Gilbert Counts, Jr., Medicine Man.

During 1951 the leaders did outstanding work. There are twenty-nine home demonstration clubs and one hundred eighteen organizational leaders. These leaders have been responsible for making plans for their local club meetings and have been the guiding hand for all club functions.

b. Program Development:

There were twenty-eight program development leaders in the county during 1951. The St. Stephens club was organized the later part of the year and did not have a program development leader functioning. In other clubs these leaders have been very valuable. They have presented outlook material to the clubs and made note of suggestions that have been made to improve the home demonstration program. The program development chairman made lists of club members interested in attending special interest activities during the year and notified the home agents.

c. Subject Matter:

During 1951 there have been two hundred eighty subject matter or project leaders functioning to expand the home demonstration club program. These leaders have attended training meetings conducted by Extension Specialist and agents, and in turn have given one hundred fifty-two demonstrations.

2. 4-H Club:

The adult leaders in the 4-H clubs have served as both organizational and project leaders. There are nineteen 4-H clubs in the

county, three of these having only girls enrolled, and fifty local leaders have helped keep the 4-H program moving in the county in 1951.

B. The Following Charts Show Growth of Leadership by Project Leaders

Over a Four Year Period:

<u>GROWTH OF H. D. CLUB PROJECT LEADERSHIP</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
<u>No. project leaders and goal chairmen</u>	100	210	301	336
<u>No. training meetings held by Specialist</u>	8	5	11	8
<u>by Agent</u>	6	4	7	8
<u>Attendance at all training meetings</u>	248	277	556	482
<u>No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present</u>	112	169	183	144
<u>No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted</u>	95	82	68	93

<u>GROWTH OF 4-H CLUB PROJECT LEADERSHIP</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
<u>No. adult project leaders</u>	21	29	43	50
<u>No. junior project leaders</u>	4	6	9	10
<u>No. training meetings held by specialist</u>	4	2	2	3
<u>by agent</u>	11	4	8	11
<u>Attendance at leader training meetings</u>	207	148	83	135
<u>No. 4-H leaders trained individually</u>			14	3
<u>No. club meetings held by leader with agent</u>	38	90	146	106
<u>No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted</u>	43	50	55	74
<u>No. demonstrations given by leaders</u>				
<u>by adult</u>	38	105	126	101
<u>by junior</u>	33	50	20	44

6. Activities of Outstanding Leader and her Accomplishments:

Mrs. J. L. Swecker of Clover Hill is one of Rockingham's outstanding leaders. For seventeen years, she has been a 4-H club leader and an active member of the home demonstration club twenty three years. Besides giving her time and talent to work in these two organizations, she teaches Sunday School and helps with other community functions. She and her husband have no children but have more or less adopted the children of the community, particularly those in the 4-H club.

Mrs. Swecker's home is always open for the girls to come in and get assistance on their projects. You hear the girls and boys affectionately call her "Miss Katie". Food and laundry projects have been the Clover Hill Club's major projects. Since 1948, they have had three state winners in the dairy foods demonstration contest - one state laundry winner and one national reorganizational winner. Mrs. Swecker has taught the girls to help others. This characteristic shows up especially with the winners coming home and helping a younger club girl with their project work. They enjoy passing the information on to others.

In 1951, Mrs. Swecker attended the State 4-H Club Short Course at V. P. I. She received a scholarship and was in charge of the Rockingham girls during the short course.

Mrs. Swecker has been program development chairman in the home demonstration club for two years and has served as youth chairman for a longer period. She is one of the county's home-

Commotators and has always been a person to make long-time plans in working toward a major goal.



Ms. Sumner helping girls with the "Make or Break" Project



Ms. Sumner helping girls with records

VI. WORK IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES:

The home demonstration agents have worked in cooperation with the home economics teachers in the county, especially in connection with the County Fair exhibits for the 4-H and Future Homemakers of America. Exhibits were made by each group and judged by representatives from the same organizations.

The agents continue to work closely with the Birmingham-Birmingham Tuberculosis Association. The executive secretary of the City-County Association has most willingly helped the clubs with their health programs, both in planning and participating in the program. The Executive Secretary has attended club meetings with the agents, making short talks before the groups on the tuberculosis program in the city and county.

The home demonstration clubs are working with the Birmingham library Association in helping them promote the building of a county library, which has been badly needed for a long while. Approximately seven-hundred dollars has been pledged and about two thirds of this amount has been paid.

The home agents worked with the supervisor of the Farm Home Administration by trying to get homeowners from all Trussard Purchase families enrolled in home demonstration work and girls of club age into 4-H Clubs.

VII. CONTRIBUTIONS OF 1951 PROGRAM:

The twenty-nine home demonstration clubs and sixteen 4-H clubs

are well distributed over the county and all communities feel the effects of the Extension Program.

The influence of the housing and home furnishing program has improved the standard of living among the rural people and in turn a more satisfactory family living is being enjoyed by the people.

The Extension program has very definitely been greatly extended in Rockingham County through method demonstrations at club meetings and result demonstrations. Special interest group meetings have also helped a lot in various communities.

The agents feel that the time devoted to the food and nutrition part of the program, in both adult and 4-H, was well spent. This phase of the program contributed to better fed and stronger bodies, as well as having a great influence economically.

The Youth program has not made the advancement in 1951 that the agents had hoped would be made. The lack of leadership in the individual clubs has probably been one of the greatest handicaps to this part of the program. With special concentration on that phase of the program, the agents hope that it will go forward in 1952.

The Extension program is planned so that each member is enabled to participate in the meetings and to develop some leadership ability. This, one of the foremost aims in the Extension program, has been the most outstanding contribution to the communities.