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III. SCOPE OF WORK

A. Home Demonstration Clubs

Number 15 Membership 271

Other groups sponsored by Home Demonstration clubs:

White 0 Membership 0

Negro 0 Membership 0

Other women reached by H. D. club members 950

B. 4-H Clubs

Number 19 Membership 349

C. Older Youth Groups

Number 0 Membership 0

D. Number reached through special classes taught by agent 0

E. Member families reached through neighborhood and community leaders 200

F. Estimate total number families reached 1150. No. farm families in county 2242.

IV. ORGANIZATION

A. County Home Demonstration Committee

There have been no changes in this committee during the past year except in officers. A new president, Mrs. H. N. Copenhaver of the Crockett Club, and Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Shockley of the Max Meadows Club, have been elected for a two year term.

Three meetings have been held with this group with a total attendance of 55.

In April, representatives of 12 of the 15 clubs met to make plans for serving lunch at the Federation meeting of District I, to be held in the county that month. In June, representatives of 8 of the 15 clubs, with 5 members-at-large, met to review progress of the program and to plan the completion of the year's program.

A discussion of the year's plans reminded the group of the outstanding problems of the day - namely: (1) the need for conserving household furnishings and equipment, (2) the need for saving clothing and other materials, (3) the need for wise consumer information, (4) the need for an effective recreation program with the rural youth, (5) the need for improved health practices among county people, as well as improving

A. County Home Demonstration Committee - Cont'd.

health facilities for all, and (6) the need for more adequate diets. The year's program, as planned, and carried out, has helped to meet these problems.

In September, representatives from 12 of the 15 clubs met to discuss the county's needs and make plans for the 1947 program. Twenty-two members were present. A program was planned to assist rural women in the following housekeeping problems - namely: the selection of wall paper and paints, care and refinishing of floors, what to look for in buying dresses, care of clothing, kitchen planning, kitchen storage, stencilling of fabrics, choosing accessories for the home, and ways of changing poor food habits. Rural youth was chosen as the subject for the Federation Goal for the coming year, and plans will be made to provide more wholesome recreation for the young people of the county.

Two delegates from the committee, Mrs. H. N. Copenhaver and Mrs. E. S. Shockley, who will serve as president and treasurer of the committee, represented the county at the State Federation meeting of Home Demonstration Club women in Blacksburg this year. Both delegates gave very comprehensive reports of the meeting at the September Committee planning meeting.

A project, which had its beginning last year, was finally realized when the Home Demonstration Committee purchased a slide film projector for use in 4-H and Home Demonstration Clubs. The money for the purchase of this equipment was raised by the committee in serving lunch to the delegates at the District Federation Meeting of Home Demonstration Clubs in April.

B. County Agricultural Board

A report cannot be made on the County Agricultural Board as no meetings have been held with this group during the year.

C. County 4-H Council

One meeting of the 4-H Council was held in February with 37 members and 6 leaders present. Officers were elected for the year and are as follows: President, Iris Warden, Petunia 4-H Club; Vice-President, Jewel Hudson, North Austinville 4-H Club; Secretary-Treasurer, Nancy Jo Umberger, Mt. Pleasant 4-H Club; Reporter, Betty Heuser, Max Meadows 4-H Club; and Song Leader, Bobbie Jackson, Ivanhoe 4-H Club.

The Council set up the following goals for each club in the county for the year: (1) have at least 75% membership completing projects, (2) have a 4-H camp, (3) hold a 4-H Achievement Day, (4) each club carry out a community project, (5) each club hold one recreation meeting, as a picnic, in the summer months, (6) each club have a leader, (7) award a banner at Achievement Day to the most outstanding 4-H Club, and (8) each club have a planned program with responsibilities assigned at least 2 months ahead of time.

C. County 4-H Council - Cont'd.

The following is a summary on the accomplishments on these goals:

- (1) 78% of members completed a project.
- (2) A 4-H Camp was held with 43 club girls and boys attending from this county.
- (3) A joint 4-H and Home Demonstration Achievement Day was held in October.
- (4) Nine of the 19 clubs carried out community projects.
- (5) Eight of the clubs held a summer recreation meeting.
- (6) Eleven clubs have leaders, six clubs do not.
- (7) A banner was awarded to the Ivanhoe 4-H Club at Achievement Day - as the outstanding 4-H Club of the county.
- (8) All clubs have had at least five programs with members participating.

D. U.S.D.A. Council

Agencies represented in the U.S.D.A. Council are Farm Security, Extension Service, AAA, Forestry Service, Vocational Agriculture, Home Economics teachers, National Farm Loan Association, and Bureau of Entomology Blister Rust Control Service.

Three meetings of the group have been held, with total attendance of 20 members. Round table discussions were held on the work being done by each agency and methods for correlating our work were discussed. Mr. Werdna W. Eure, Rural Organization Specialist of V.P.I., met with the group each time and assisted with discussions on planning improvements in the County Agricultural Board.

One meeting of the Professional Workers Council was held in October, with 11 members present, to outline a schedule of radio programs to be given by the group over Radio Station WPUV, Pulaski.

V. LEADERSHIP

A. Adult Work

1. Club Officers

There are 80 club officers serving in the 15 Home Demonstration clubs. Club Presidents received training on parliamentary procedures at the September meeting of the Home Demonstration Committee. Twelve clubs were represented by twenty-two members. The group was trained by Mrs. E. S. Kegley, Vice-President of the Home Demonstration Committee. Other officers have received training after club meetings and during home visits.

2. Project or Subject Matter Leaders

There are 15 women serving as garden leaders. Two training meetings have been held for them by Gardening Specialist, L. C. Beamer, with a total attendance of 13. Fifteen women have also served as poultry leaders. They have received training by the Extension Poultry

2. Project or Subject Matter Leaders - Cont'd.

Specialists in two meetings with a total attendance of 10 members. These leaders, both poultry and garden, have given timely information approximately 270 times during the year.

Ten training meetings have been held for the 30 project leaders. Three meetings were held by Extension Specialists with a total attendance of 49. Seven groups of leaders were trained by the home agent with an attendance of 17. A goal was set by the Home Demonstration Committee that project leaders try to give at least 6 of the demonstrations this year. Ten of the 15 clubs reached this goal, 1 club had 5 leader demonstrations, 2 clubs had 4 leader demonstrations, 1 club had 3 demonstrations by leaders, and 1 club had only 2 by leaders, making a total of 77 demonstrations by the project leaders out of a goal set for 90. Approximately 100 days of service have been given by these leaders in attending training meetings, preparing for demonstrations, and in giving demonstrations.

Mrs. Tom Hager of the Max Meadows Club has given six of the demonstrations in her club this year. She walks two miles to Max Meadows to her club. She attends all leader training meetings and makes good preparation for her demonstrations. Mrs. Hager has won the Home Demonstration pin for the second consecutive year as the outstanding leader in the county.

The 15 Consumer Information Chairmen received a monthly copy of "Consumer Guide" from which they gave timely information to their club members. Current magazine articles on consumer information were used also. Approximately 100 talks were made by these leaders this year.

No training meetings were held for the 15 Federation Goal Chairmen. However, through the assistance of Mrs. H. N. Copenhaver, County Goal Chairman, and Miss Beatrice Shook, County Health Nurse, approximately 15 different health bulletins were secured from the county health unit and given to each of the club Health Federation Goal Chairmen. Approximately 150 health discussions were given by health chairmen during the year. About five or ten minutes of each meeting were devoted to this phase of the program.

B. 4-H Work

There are 9 adult project leaders and 8 adult sponsors, 85 junior leaders serving as club officers, and 3 older club girls serving as junior leaders. These leaders have all been trained individually in home visits, mainly, especially the adult project leaders. Twenty-four demonstrations have been given this year by adult project leaders. Junior leaders were trained before or after club meetings by the home agent. Club secretaries and reporters were given help in the early part of the year on getting and reporting accurate accounts of club meetings.

VI. RESULTS

A. Home Demonstration Club Project Work

1. Project Work

a. Food

(1) Production

Garden sanitation, recommended varieties of seeds, planning the garden, organic matter in the garden in soil preparation, insect and disease control, succession planting, and harvesting and storage were only a few of the topics discussed by the 15 garden leaders in the county this year. Likewise, food production was further promoted by the 15 poultry leaders who discussed such topics as feeding, housing, and management of the poultry flock, selection of baby chicks, control of diseases and parasites in the poultry flock, culling, and care, grading, and marketing of eggs.

Reports gathered from 240 club women show that this information has been helpful in maintaining a higher production from the year-round garden, and to get their poultry flocks on a higher paying basis.

(2) Conservation

In May and September of this year, the home agent gave information on up-to-date canning methods. Causes of food spoilage were discussed, types of jar closure were explained, and emphasis placed on canning vegetables and meats in a pressure cooker. The slide film projector was used in September to show films on the proper methods of canning meats. The U.S.D.A. bulletins on meat canning and canning vegetables and fruits were also distributed for use when needed.

A summary of food preservation reports from club women shows a total of 57,046 quarts of food were canned this year. This includes 26,691 quarts of fruit, 22,154 quarts of vegetables, and 8,201 quarts of meat. In addition, 59,212 pounds of meat were cured, and 46,120 pounds of vegetables were stored. Eighteen women report purchasing new pressure cookers, and 18 women had cookers checked for accuracy.

Proper storage methods were discussed by garden leaders, and in a few clubs, visits were made to storage cellars to review the requirements of adequate storage facilities.

Demonstrations were given on freezing; however, upon completion of the frozen food locker plant now under construction, demonstrations will be given during the coming year.

(3) Nutrition

One hundred sixty-nine club members were given information during June on meal planning. Also in July, 218 women attended demonstrations on vegetable cookery, in which emphasis was placed on the need for saving food values by proper

(3) Nutrition - Cont'd.

cooking methods. Also, the need for proper storage of left-over foods was discussed, stressing the effect upon nutrition of improperly stored left-over foods. Two hundred and forty members report using these suggestions in their homes. Demonstrations given in December on cakes and Christmas sweets using sugar substitutes, illustrated desserts using fruits or molasses of higher nutritional value in the diet than many desserts using more sugar. Many women have reported better food habits in their families, since there has been a shortage of sugar. When there are no sweets to dull the appetites, meals of vegetables, fruits and meats have been more readily accepted.

(4) Preparation and Selection

Two demonstrations were given during the year to all clubs on food preparation and selection. In June, 169 women observed demonstrations on meal planning and quick breads. In July, 218 women were shown methods of cooking vegetables with major emphasis on saving food values. Demonstrations given to 171 members on cakes and Christmas Sweets using sugar substitutes have been discussed previously.

(5) Consumer Problems

Consumer information chairmen in all clubs have discussed timely consumer food problems on many occasions. New products, enriched and fortified products, comparative costs, and numerous other phases of consumer information have been included in the year's work.

b. Clothing

(1) Consumer Problems

(a) Buying

High costs and inferior qualities of ready-made garments and materials have caused considerable need for information on buying clothing. In connection with clothing demonstrations given in January and February of this year, information was given on this subject. Again, women realized the advisability of renovating old clothing and purchasing only that which was badly needed.

(b) Care

About 15 women have been given assistance on the storage of clothing this year. Suggestions were given on improving closet storage spaces, using the U.S.D.A. bulletin, "Closets and Storage Spaces." The care of clothing before storage was also emphasized.

(c) War production limitations and ceiling prices

The home agent again this year, as in the war years, tried to familiarize club women with all factors affecting the quality, quantity, and prices of clothing. Women were urged to watch ceiling prices, and compare the costs of ready-made garments with those they could make at home.

(2) Construction

(a) New garments

Club women have spent much time this year in sewing to clothe their families. They were given assistance in January and February in Cutting and Fitting dresses and Garment Finishes. An effort was made to eliminate the "home-made" look from clothing by teaching club women to fit each garment well, and to finish it with properly made button holes, plackets, collars, pockets, and hems. A report from the members of the 15 clubs shows that 1,965 new garments were made in addition to 93 coats and suits.

One demonstration was given to a group of 9 club members on Line and Color in Dress. They were interested in choosing fabrics and patterns of suitable styles for different figure problems.

(b) Remodeling Clinics

One remodeling clinic was held this year with a group of 6 women. Five hats were remodeled during the meeting. Club women report having remodeled 458 garments this year; however, no demonstrations have been given on the subject since last year.

c. House Furnishing

(1) Conservation

(a) Furniture Clinics

In May, two clinics were held to reseat chairs. Thirty-two women attended the clinics, and resealed 11 chairs. Demonstrations on this subject have been given in previous years, and club women report having resealed 61 chairs this year.

(2) Construction

(a) Slip Covers

No demonstrations have been given this year on this subject, however, reports show that 117 slip covers were made by club women during the year.

(b) Curtains

Club women report having made 216 new curtains this year - many from feed bags. No demonstrations were given on the subject during the year.

(3) Consumer Problems in House Furnishings

In May, 153 club women were given help on arrangement of furniture. Emphasis was placed on the need for wise selection of furniture to suit the living needs of a family, as well as to choose furniture to suit the size of a room. Comparative values of cheap, poorly constructed furniture were made with that of better grade furniture and furnishing.

d. Home Management

(1) Household Equipment

The home agent checked 8 pressure cookers with a gauge tester borrowed from a local store. Eighteen other women report having their pressure cookers checked and 18 women purchased new cookers this year.

(2) Kitchen Arrangement

The home agent assisted approximately 20 women in improving the arrangement of their kitchens. In many instances, major changes are needed. However, in many homes, a little planning on rearranging cabinets, tables and equipment was all that was needed to save time and steps.

(3) Time and energy management

Much time was spent on this phase of the program in 1945, however, the need for continued emphasis exists, and was applied to numerous demonstrations on cooking, canning, furniture arrangement, and selection of household equipment. One demonstration on the subject was given to a group of 18 women, in which plans were made for saving time and energy in house cleaning.

(4) Business facts for Homemakers

Information on legal matters, with emphasis on wills and deeds, was given to 160 women during September. A great amount of interest was shown in this, as few women knew much about such necessary legal matters.

(5) Consumer Problems

With new articles of household equipment gradually being seen in the stores and old equipment in the homes soon to wear out, club women were most anxious to learn about choosing new equipment. Points to look for in buying refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, irons, and other labor saving devices were discussed with 166 club women in October. Members of 3 clubs have newly wired homes, and will need all the new electric equipment they can purchase. This information was especially helpful to these groups.

In May, 58 women in 4 clubs were given a demonstration on home lighting, which included the purchasing of lighting fixtures when they become available. Emphasis was placed on safe lighting in the home by using enough bulbs of proper wattage and indirect lighting fixtures.

(6) Home Beautification

In March, Home Demonstration club project leaders were trained on how to improve the appearance of their yards, by Mr. A. G. Smith, Assistant Horticulturist of V.P.I. This information was given to club women in April. One hundred and eighty one club women report having made improvements in their yards, such as pruning shrubbery, changing shrubbery and flower beds to better locations, repairing fences and walks, and planting new trees.

2. Home Demonstration Club Activities

a. Federation Goal - (Health)

The following goals for health work in the adult clubs were outlined for the year:

1. Support health clinics by voluntary assistance from members.
2. Publicize county Health Clinics and assist women and children to attend these clinics.
3. Urge club members and county women to have a thorough physical examination during the year.
4. Each club sponsor home nursing class.
5. Encourage all parents to have physical defects of school children corrected.
6. Have an equipped medicine cabinet in each home.

Results of these goals set up for the clubs find members of 3 clubs assisting with school health clinics, 94 women report having had thorough physical examinations, and 36 women equipped medicine cabinets. An effort was made to secure an instructor for home nursing classes in 3 communities, but no one was available. Approximately 150 health talks were made to Home Demonstration Clubs by the 15 Federation Goal Chairmen using health bulletins secured from the County Health Unit.

b. County and Club Objectives

The following five club objectives were determined by the County Home Demonstration Committee for the year. Accomplishments on each goal are given.

1. Leaders give 6 demonstrations during year - Ten of the 15 clubs reached the goal. 77 demonstrations were given by leaders.
2. Each club carry out a community project - Thirteen of the 15 clubs completed projects.
3. Each club pay Federation dues - All 15 clubs paid Federation dues by April 1st.
4. Each club help with 4-H or other youth work in community - Nine clubs assisted the youth - three clubs have members serving as 4-H leaders. Others assisted with recreation programs.
5. Each member participate in Federation Goal, and have physical examination - 94 club women report having had physical check-up.

c. Community Projects or Programs

All clubs were encouraged to work with the youth of the community in providing more wholesome recreation or otherwise assist with organized youth groups. The Henley,

c. Community Projects or Programs - Cont'd.

Petunia, Lebanon and Corinth Clubs each gave parties for the young folks, such as Valentine parties, Easter egg hunts, weiner roasts, and picnics. The Zion Club had an ice cream supper, invited the young people and cleared \$84.00. This money was turned over to the League for the young people's use. The recreation provided by these groups was most appreciated, and a worthwhile contribution to their communities. The Max Meadows and Jackson Trail Clubs had members who assisted in playground recreation by providing some playground equipment and assisting in the supervision of games.

The Lebanon Club raised \$75.00 at an ice cream supper. They plan to use this money to make choir robes for the members of their Junior Choir.

The Fairview-Mt. Pleasant and Petunia Clubs have members who are serving as 4-H leaders. The Fairview-Mt. Pleasant Club gave a \$5.00 scholarship to 4-H Camp to an outstanding member of the Mt. Pleasant 4-H Club, Nancy Jo Umberger.

Each club has tried to carry out a community project. Some fine work has been reported, other projects have not been completed. Three Clubs, Henley, Cove and Fairview-Mt. Pleasant, made quilts for the Red Cross and relief work. The Corinth Club assumed the responsibility of getting their local school yard mowed and having it ready for school opening. The work was hired at an approximate cost of \$2.00. Members of the Max Meadows Club canned for their school cafeteria. The Kimberling Club gave \$10.00 to the Kimberling Church to help pay for wiring the Church for electricity.

The Petunia Club decided upon recreation for the young people of the community early in the year. To finance this, they held an ice cream supper, from which they cleared \$43.00. As they were assisted by 4-H members in this, they gave half the amount to the 4-H Club for camp scholarships. Three members attended 4-H camp in this way. Simple refreshments for their monthly parties for the young people were furnished by the club women, so the money did not have to be taken from the treasury.

The Crockett Club has had Roadside Beautification as its project for the year. Several members put on a campaign to kill poison ivy, weeds and to eliminate other objectionable features, as well as to plant grass on the roadside in places, in an effort to improve the appearance of their roads.

The Rural Retreat Club has been busy this year trying to raise funds to help their High School buy black-out shades for the auditorium, in order that movies may be shown to students in the daytime. Approximately \$100.00 has been raised by the Club in serving several dinners to local organizations. Also the Club painted 14 trays of the cafeteria and gave a dish towel shower for the cafeteria.

c. Community Projects or Programs - Cont'd.

The Jackson Trail Club plans to purchase a hospital bed for use in the community when one is available. And so, the Home Demonstration Clubs are living up to their Homemakers Creed in that we are trying to have our homes reach out in service to the communities and help unite the people.

Three Clubs, the Crockett, Fairview-Mt. Pleasant, and Max Meadows, gave \$10.00 to the County Health Unit for tonsilectomy operations. The Fairview-Mt. Pleasant Club also gave a first aid kit to each of the 2 schools in the community. The Jackson Trail Club gave \$3.00 to their school for tooth brushes for underprivileged school children.

Members of the Max Meadows and Lebanon Clubs assisted with health clinics in their local schools. Several clubs contributed to the cancer drive, and much credit is due club health chairmen, who assisted with the soliciting in this drive.

d. Other Special Activities

National Home Demonstration Club Week was observed by several clubs with special programs open to all community people. Three clubs, Rural Retreat, Crockett, and Jackson Trail set up window exhibits in 3 local stores. Articles made by club members were exhibited showing clothing work, canning, handicraft, chair reseating, re-finished furniture, curtains, rugs and other house furnishings, table service, homemade tea cart, home recreation ideas, meal planning, and other phases of the home demonstration club program through the years.

Club members are encouraged to give helpful information gained at club meetings to non-club women. During the year, information was given to others 1,297 times.

Club women report investing \$10,300 in bonds during the year; and 1,218 garments were contributed to foreign relief.

3. Brief Account of Year's Work of One Outstanding Club

A club which should be recognized for outstanding community service is the Rural Retreat Home Demonstration Club. This club of 28 members contributed much during the year. A summary of their activities include:

1. Giving 25 dish towels to their school cafeteria.
2. Sending 50 diapers and three blankets to foreign countries.
3. A fashion show in the club with about 15 members modeling feed sack dresses.

4. An Account of an Outstanding Home Demonstration Club Member - Cont'd.

As Mrs. Ward works, she has to do most of her work at night, however, she is energetic, ambitious, and wastes little time in accomplishing her work. Realizing that the State Agricultural College had valuable information they needed to know before making their improvements, Mrs. Ward asked for help from the home agent on kitchen planning, and bulletins were given to her on installing water systems, heating systems, and septic tanks.

Mrs. Ward purchased a new pressure cooker early in the year, and has spent many of her after-work hours in canning around 350 quarts of food.

B. 4-H Clubs

1. Project Work

a. Food Preparation

Two hundred and seventeen 4-H girls enrolled in this project for the summer months. Demonstrations were given on making boiled and baked custards, sauces, egg dishes, cooking green and root vegetables, and to 3 groups, cake making. Thirteen demonstrations were given by adult leaders and 3 by junior leaders and 3 by junior project leaders. One hundred fifty-two girls completed this project with the following summarized report showing their work:

Custards were made 816 times; gravy or sauces 935 times; green vegetables cooked 1,106 times, root vegetables cooked 1,114 times; egg dishes prepared 1,012 times; and cakes made 62 times, but was not required as part of their project work because of the scarcity of sugar and sugar substitutes.

b. Canning

Forty-five club girls enrolled in the canning project this summer. Eighteen girls completed the project. They canned 890 quarts of fruit, and 9,220 quarts of vegetables. 21 girls exhibited canned foods at their September club meeting.

c. Clothing

Club girls realized that this was a good year in which to study the care of clothing as a means of making theirs last longer. 337 girls enrolled in this project, and 263 completed their requirements. They were given demonstrations on how to equip a mending box in November. Approximately 85 equipped mending boxes made by the girls were exhibited at the December meetings. The agent or leader judged the boxes and announced the best three shown in each club. In December, club girls were given demonstrations on mending their anklets. Approximately 35 anklets which had been mended were exhibited in January, and club winners announced. Club girls were shown how to patch at their January meetings, and asked

c. Clothing - Cont'd.

To exhibit articles they had patched by the next meeting. Approximately 40 patched articles were shown at club meetings in February. February, March and April found the girls learning how to wash, press, and store woolen garments.

As a result of this project work, we find 22 girls who darned 600 garments; 251 who patched 806 garments; 31 girls dry cleaned 36 garments; 312 girls washed and blocked sweaters; and 263 girls stored winter things in the late spring.

Twelve girls enrolled in the clothing construction project early in the year. They were given demonstrations on choosing patterns, cutting and fitting garments, pattern alteration and garment finishes. Eight girls completed this project by making 24 new garments at a total cost of \$27.25; 4 girls remodeled 10 garments at a total cost of \$3.60; and 6 girls dyed 16 garments for \$1.60.

An outstanding clothing project member this year, Mary Ellen Davis, of the Sand Hill 4-H Club, made 11 garments at a cost of \$29.59. Mary Ellen won first place in her club, first place in the county clothing contest, and first place in the clothing exhibit at the County School Fair.

2. Health

Club members were taught better health standards through demonstrations given on correct methods of food preparation. Ways of saving food values for better health were shown in vegetable cookery demonstrations in the summer. Proper storage of left-over foods was also emphasized for saving food values.

3. Community Activities of 4-H Clubs

- Some very worthwhile community projects were carried out by 4-H Clubs this year.

The Porter's Cross Roads Club of 17 members sold sandwiches, cookies and coffee at their school on election day, making \$10.50. The money was used to buy a new pencil sharpener and First Aid supplies for the school.

The Austinville Club sponsored a Beauty Pageant, and made \$36.50. Of this amount, the club used \$16.00 and bought 100 new song books for the Austinville School

The Speedwell and Cripple Creek Clubs bought First Aid supplies for their schools.

The eight members of the North Austinville Community Club used \$1.15 from their treasury to clean up the music room in their school. The Club members and leader, Mrs. Geneva Goodman, met at the school one Saturday and cleaned windows, waxed the piano and furniture, polished the stove, and cleaned the floor.

3. Community Activities of 4-H Club - Cont'd.

The Ivanhoe 4-H Club gave \$55.00 to their school lunch project for the purchase of necessary supplies and equipment. The money was raised by the members of the club selling sandwiches during the lunch hour, before the lunch room had been equipped.

The Sand Hill completed a project, which had its beginning last year. The Club had raised \$55.00 from a public program they had given. This year, the money was turned over to contractors who built cement steps from the highway to their Church grounds. The money given by the club did not cover the cost, but made a nice contribution to the total expense.

4. An Account of Work of One Club

The Ivanhoe 4-H Club with 47 girls enrolled received the honors this year for the outstanding 4-H Club.

The girls in this club were high in completion of the main project for the year - Care of Clothing. Good records were kept by most of the members and 28 girls completed a project.

This club has been well represented at County Council meetings and 8 members attended 4-H Camp this summer.

Early in the club year, the Ivanhoe Club made a gift of \$55.00 to the school lunch project. This money was earned by members selling sandwiches during the lunch hour.

In this club we find 1 girl who is beginning her 8th year in club work - Callie Cook, Secretary of the club. Nancy Ratcliff, Vice-President, is beginning her 7th year in 4-H Club work. Three others, Kathryn Shinault, President of the Club, Nona Whitaker, and Euna Lee Gray are beginning their 6th year in club work. Three members are beginning their 5th year, 13 are beginning their 4th year, and 16 are beginning their 3rd year in club work.

C. Other Work Done by Home Demonstration Agent

1. County Home Economics Workers

The home agent attended the two meetings of the County U.S.D.A. Council during which an effort was made to coordinate the activities of all agencies represented through discussion and a better understanding of the work each is trying to do. Also, as a county home economics worker, the home agent attended meetings of the Farm Bureau, Southern States, 1 County Health Committee, Garden Club, Crop Production Goals, District TVA Organization, and District and State Home Economics Organization.

2. County Nutrition Committee

No meetings of this committee have been held this year; however, the home agent has included in her work in food production, conservation and preparation, nutrition information intended to develop better food habits among the county people.

3. County Housing Problems

The home agent has supplied the County Housing Chairman, Mrs. E. H. Ratcliff, with numerous housing bulletins which she used in preparing information for all club housing chairmen. This information was discussed at numerous meetings during the year. The home agent has also given literature on heating systems, sewage systems, house plans, and insulating materials to several county people.

4. Rural Electrification Program.

Through demonstrations and literature supplied by the power company, the home agent has tried to prepare homemakers for adequate wiring and lighting in their homes. 58 women were given help on this.

5. Red Cross

The home agent has served as chairman of the Red Cross Home Nursing Committee this year, working with the local Red Cross Secretary in trying to secure an instructor for classes. Nurses have not been found available for this work as yet.

VII. AN APPRAISAL OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTY IN THE HOME DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM THIS YEAR

Looking back on the home demonstration program for the year, it seems that it has contributed greatly to helping county people adjust to peace-time living. Numerous adjustments in living have been made. Demonstrations and help given on wise purchasing of needed equipment, improving homes and surroundings after a period of neglect, planning meals to adjust to changed food habits, and clothing the family with limited materials, have all helped families in a changing world.

Of importance, too, is the feeling of responsibility toward the improvement of recreation, health, and community facilities as felt by the organized groups in the county.