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III. DESCRIBE BRIEFLY THE COUNTY SITUATION AS IT AFFECTED THE 1951 PROGRAM

The majority of Wythe County's population is made up of rural homes, with their chief sources of income coming from beef and dairy cattle, sheep and hogs; commercial fruit growing and truck farms also add to the farmers income. Many of the smaller farms supplement their earnings at Lime, Lead and Zinc mines, and in the manufacture of nylon and cotton hosiery, shirts and furniture.

The health situation was foremost in the thoughts of the Home Demonstration club members as the women made their program planning suggestions for 1951. It is normal that be true following the Polio epidemic during that summer. The Home Demonstration Club women thought in terms of "How can I keep my body, and my Community healthy". Six months of the 1951 program was based on nutrition. The year's Federation Goal was Home and Community Beautification, with special emphasis on clean up.

IV. CONTRIBUTION OF THE 1951 PROGRAM TO BETTER FAMILY LIVING

Wythe County feels that better family living has been evident during the past year, due to the extensive study of planning nutritious meals, new ways with foods, and how to use left overs. Six months of demonstrations were based on selecting balanced meals and how to serve them. The women became more interested in growing more foods and storing and adequate, well balanced food supply. 97 women canned and prepared food for the freezer according to a budget. A special interest meeting was held on Freezing Baked Products and 162 bulletins and pamphlets on freezing and canning were distributed to club women and 30 to 4-H Club members.

It is the belief of all of us that good health and a general good feeling enables us to live fuller lives. Good nutrition and its insurance to good health has been the one contribution to better family living for 1951.

The Federation Goal - Home and Community Beautification, and the general clean up program sponsored in Wythe County has made its contribution to better family living by improving living conditions in every way possible. The 437 club women representing as many families, have made a start, and by the selection of Home and Community Beautification as a long time goal, they will continue to work and to be tangible evidence of the love and pride of American women in their own homes and communities and the confirmation of their aim. "To Make Virginia Homes More Attractive and to Promote Pride in the Appearance of the Community".

The 6 Community Clubs in comparison to the one that Wythe County had last year shows more evidence of the increased interest of the residents of the County to better family living. These programs were planned with something of interest for the entire family. Along with the major objectives set up as a guide by the Bristol Chamber of Commerce which included more community organization, improved system of farming, Home Improvements and family food supply, the clubs have held recreational programs for their young people of different age groups. 3 Communities completed this goal. The regular monthly programs and the extra special planned programs brought the Community together to discuss problems and to make plans. These 5 newly organized Community Clubs offer something to all families and all family members and these communities are filled with a new "spirit" for better family living.

Better family living is evident in Wythe through work methods made easier. 100% of the H. D. Club members have electricity and at least one-third of these women have added a new electric gadget to lighten the regular load of household tasks. This gives the home maker more time for the family and she ends the day less physically tired to greet her family. Along with the new electrical equipment, Wythe has studied new and improved work methods. A demonstration on laundry was shown to 390 club members. Improved work methods and equipment for washing and ironing. Along with food preparation the H. D. Club members studied improved and time saving work methods in kitchen.

The youth were not left out on improved practices. 83 4-H Club members received training in Room Care and Arrangement, Meal Planning and Preparation and Preservation, Sewing Techniques, and Home Ground Beautification. Such knowledge gained not only help the youth to accept home responsibilities now, but to prepare for better family living in the future.

Health, Home and Community Beautification and Better Roads and Telephones were the long time goals for Wythe County. Two have been mentioned the third now stated briefly shows the following results in 1951. Five roads in 4 different Communities are under construction and four other roads in H. D. neighborhoods have been resurfaced and widened.

Three communities are working strongly on telephones. One community has asked for a line and have a petition signed giving right of ways. This work is expected to be continued next year. One Community as a result of work has received a payment five new miles of telephone wire.

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V. ADULT WORK

A. Project Work

1. Nutrition and Food Preparation

The greatest emphasis of 1951 program has been on Foods and Nutrition. 6 months demonstrations were planned on nutrition and food preparation. These demonstrations include Meal Planning, Special Meat Dishes, New Ways with Vegetables, Packed Lunches, and Corn Meal Dishes.

Objectives

- a. To teach the homemaker how to plan meals of good nutritive value, with good variety, texture, color, correct calorie content for body needs.
- b. To teach the homemaker to use low cost cuts of meat and prepare them in an appealing way.
- c. To teach the homemaker new ways of serving foods that she has on hand and also introduce new recipes for seldom used vegetables.
- d. To teach the homemaker how to use her left overs, to combine them and re-flavor them in new dishes or use left overs in preparing sandwiches for packed lunches.
- e. To teach the homemaker how to save time for herself and her family in the kitchen.
- f. To teach the homemaker how to save both time and money by preparing her own sandwich spreads, mayonnaise, etc.
- g. To teach the homemaker what it takes to pack a balanced lunch box and how to introduce variety, and new interest to lunch box.
- h. To teach the homemaker new ways in serving corn meal dishes.

Method

Meal Planning - This method demonstration was given by agent to 422 H. D. Club members.

Material used - A USDA bulletin from Food Specialist. First the ladies checked their previous days menu by the Basic 7. Then rules for planning meals were read to group and then from 6 charts containing 10 menus (drawn by Agent) The members checked themselves on applying rules of menu planning. The H. D. Clubs were then assigned to prepare menus for next meeting to pass to agent for checking.

Result:

432 USDA bulletins were distributed, 96 women prepared menus for one week and passed to agent next month for suggestions and return. The 288 women reported on accomplishment sheet that they planned 1762 meals during 1951 using knowledge gained from demonstration.

Special Meat Dishes - Miss Mary Thompson, Food and Nutrition Specialist trained 28 leaders from 16 H D Clubs to repeat demonstration to their club. Two food leaders worked together on giving demonstration. Miss Thompson demonstrated 4 dishes giving leaders choice of 2 to repeat. 11 clubs repeated 3 dishes, 3 repeated 4 and 3 remaining clubs demonstrated 2 dishes. The 2 clubs not represented sent to adjoining clubs and

repeated information gained.

Result

30 leaders gave 18 demonstrations to 388 women. 502 bulletins were distributed and these women reported using information 480 times. 52 passed information to others.

How Ways With Vegetables - Miss Janet Cameron trained 24 leaders from 17 H. D. Clubs on how to prepare cauliflower, potato Hot-Pot, potato pan cakes, and tomato rarebit. Leaders gave demonstrations to 17 clubs and 309 women. Agent gave demonstration to 1 club that was unable to furnish a leader. 5 clubs held vegetable luncheons, 3 of these clubs sponsored hot contests. The ladies wore hats to meeting made from vegetables. Leaders from 6 of 12 other clubs demonstrated 3 dishes and the other 6 clubs prepared 2 dishes.

Results

916 bulletins were requested. Requests 3 extra orders. Women reported preparing these dishes 837 times. 109 food habits were changed.

Packed Lunches - Agent, after receiving training from Miss Janet Cameron, gave "packed lunches" demonstration. The method demonstration showed how to prepare sandwich mixes for weeks at a time. These were stored in glass jars to enable self help of the children. Agent also discussed lunch boxes, lunch box liners and made mayonnaise.

Results

403 sheets prepared by Agent were given to club members. This information was used by club members 861 times.

Corn Meal Dishes - Miss Janet Cameron trained 24 leaders from 15 H. D. Clubs at a leaders training meeting. Leaders from 2 clubs visited other clubs and presented material to their group. 1 leader gave demonstration from material, all 18 clubs repeated the method demonstration to their club.

Results

220 women reported using information on Corn Meal Dishes 872 times. 200 bulletins were distributed and information given to 68 non club members.

Food Supply - Freezing Baker's Potatoes - A Special Interest meeting was given by Miss Mary Thompson. 102 club women attended this demonstration.

Results

69 women reported using information gained from demonstration 196 times. 296 requests for help on freezing was answered by bulletins. The club women reported freezing 31,975 lbs. of food. 97 requests

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were made to office on canning problems. Personal help by home visits were made to 26 homes. 6 extra demonstrations were given to neighborhood groups on planning food supply and canning. 400 club women reported canning 32,607 qts. of fruit, 34,358 qts. of vegetables, 9,076 lbs. meat canned and 83,400 lbs. meat cured in addition to food frozen.

2. The Well Conducted Club Meeting

(Parliamentary Procedure) a. The objective of this program was to teach the women to think through and organize their work and to carry it through to a quicker, more satisfactory completion. b. The method demonstration on parliamentary procedure also hoped to teach club members principles of orderly conducting business that could be applied in other organization in which they participate.

Method - A method demonstration given by agent. Club members set up their own objectives to strive toward during the club year. 3 or 4 big objectives were set up by each club. Special training and help was given to officers by agent. Materials furnished to chairman. Group giving suggestions on how to shorten meeting. A leaders training meeting was held for reporters. Mrs. Jean Moody trained reporters and presidents from 15 clubs on how to vary write ups, give information and make reports more interesting.

Results

All 18 clubs showed some improvement as result of training. 12 clubs showed definite improvement in writing newspaper articles. 198 women reported learning Homemakers Creed. 13 clubs showed improvement in starting meeting on time. 8 showed considerable improvement in shortening business sessions.

The Work Dress - (Problems of Fitting)

Objectives

- To help homemakers appreciate the importance of wearing correct wearing apparel for doing housework.
- To introduce the scientifically designed work dress to club women and give information on where to obtain.
- To encourage homemakers that sew to work on this unit.
- To help homemakers in some problems of fitting.

Method

A method demonstration given by agent. Showing pictures of the work dress and showing desirable features. 3 work dresses and a kitchen jacket were borrowed from Grayson County and the exhibit was used in illustrating at the different club meetings.

Results:

96 reported making 102 work dresses scientifically designed. 23 work aprons were made. 8 clubs held all day meetings and asked for special help in fitting. 226 women reported making 3, 180 garments.

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Tailoring - Agent attended tailoring school at Blacksburg directed by Iva Byrd Johnson. Helped 19 members with tailoring procedures. 6 suits were made.

Laundry Methods -

Objectives

To teach homemakers how to arrange laundry equipment.
To help homemakers simplify the technique of washing, ironing, hanging and spritzing clothes.
To help homemakers have a better understanding of laundry equipment and desirable material.
To present helpful hints on spot removing, selecting, soaps and detergents, ironing board and covers.

Method

Miss Helen Alverson trained 18 leaders from 15 clubs in laundry techniques. The leaders presented demonstrations to their clubs. Agent gave two demonstrations and 1 club has a Home Economist show, a demonstration on laundry equipment at a local store. 307 bulletins were distributed.

Result:

286 women reported using information on laundry 687 times. 30 women have already made bias ironing board covers. 14 women bought new ironing boards. 24 women made improvement in their clothes lines. 11 women reported trying to learn to sit down and iron, 19 women are trying to learn to rinse clothing in washing machine.

Handicraft -

Objectives

To help the homemakers do something creative with their hands, to learn a sense of balance, proportion and good design.
To teach the women crafts that they might make gifts, develop a hobby, do something that they might sell from a product of leisure time.
The main accomplishment will be the satisfaction derived from self-creativity.

Method:

Miss Catherine Perry trained 19 leaders from 15 H. D. Clubs to assist with demonstrations. 2 months were spent on this demonstration. The demonstration was divided into two half days. The first meeting to make design and transferring to tray. Painting of trays were started at meeting until every lady understood. The leaders met with groups between meetings and finished painting. On the Second demonstration

day the trays were crimped, etched and cleaned.

Results:

360 women made 418 trays, at least 120 more trays have been ordered to make for gifts. The women showed greater interest in this demonstration than any other during the year. 27 new H. G. Club members were gained as a result of interest in this demonstration.

Weaving Baskets - 1 local leader helped interested members from 5 clubs in weaving baskets and trays. 75 baskets and trays were made. Agent trained leaders from 3 clubs in etching glass. Information supplied by Miss Catherine Perry. 24 women reported used information on etching glass.

Legal Matters - Wills and Deeds - This special interest meeting was arranged through Miss Helen Alverson. Mr. W. G. Gibson met with 29 persons from 5 H. D. Clubs in an informative discussion on Wills and Deeds. Bad weather was cause of small attendance. Much interest was created and 42 bulletins on "What is to Become of Your Farm" were distributed.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Community Project - Each of the 18 H. D. Clubs selected a Community project. Their main objective was to do something worthwhile for a family group or organization not in H. D. Clubs work. 5 H. D. Clubs Made contributions to Churches and Missionary groups. 8 clubs gave to needy families in community, overseas, and gave the Childrens Federation 12 layettes, 41 baskets, to shut-ins at Christmas, 1902 contacts to sick and shut-ins, 100 percent affiliation with American Red Cross. \$296.00 to March of Dimes, 69 members gave to Flood Bank, 4 lunch rooms have received equipment and supplies. 3 communities sponsor youth recreation programs, 3 first aid kits furnished to schools. One club took as a community project the County Farm for visitation and vespers every other Sunday. The club women did personal service work for inmates, cheered them up with books, magazines, flowers and fruit. The club women were present at the death and burial of one of the inmates. There was no minister present and the women took charge of funeral services. This community project has been far reaching. Many individual families sent magazines and clothing to club women for distribution. This came after the H. G. Club members did a radio program on their community project.

(see editorial- next page)

"INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT . . ."

The ENTERPRISE has always been a strong supporter of the church, and the cause of Christianity. We have long since been convinced that an adherence to the principles as set forth by the Master Teacher would solve the majority of the world's ills. However, we have consistently advocated that Christianity is not limited to services at a church on the Sabbath Day, or with occasional services during the week. On the other hand we continue to believe that Christianity is life—the day by day actions and deeds of those who profess to be followers of the Nazarene. To attempt to separate life in all of its fullness, and with all of its meaning, and the principles for which Christianity stands is absurd.

In this connection we believe one of the finest examples of Christianity in Action is the very fine service that the members of the Bethel Home Demonstration Club are rendering. Twice every month (on Sundays), the club members gather at the County Farm where religious services are held. Those who are more unfortunate than others, and of necessity have to choose the County Farm as their home during the sunset hours of life are receiving new determination, a boost to their faith, and encouragement and hope that comes from within.

It was the members of the Bethel H. D. Club that happened on the scene a few minutes before "Bessie Mae" was to be buried and held whatever service possible. Thus, a service was rendered

that is deeply appreciated by hundreds of Wythe Countians, for many felt that they must share some of the responsibility when it was learned that no minister was present to give to the famed character a Christian burial in a land that has been pictured to the nations of the world as "Christian America."

During the closing weeks of the ministry of the Christ, He summed up much of His teachings when he said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. . . . I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in. . . . I was sick, and ye visited me. . . ."

This fine service of love and mercy that the club is rendering deserves the appreciation and sincere thanks of the citizens of Wythe County. The ENTERPRISE salutes the Bethel H. D. Club for visiting those who for the most part are a forgotten people. It is indeed pathetic to approach the sunset hour of life and watch the sands of time fastly sift out of the bowl, with few earthly friends. Surely those who face such circumstances have a great need for a service of cheer . . . their faith needs to be boosted, and the encouragement and radiant hope that comes from a Higher Power is the only source that can provide the courage to stand at the helm of the boat as they cross the last Great River and with a smile look forward to shortly meeting their Pilot face to face.

Community Improvement Work

Six communities entered Community Improvement Project sponsored by Bristol Chamber of Commerce. All clubs held monthly meetings. 4 clubs met for a number of extra monthly meetings. 2 communities are using abandoned school buildings, 1 club rented a large building and developed it into a community center. 3 clubs hold meetings in an extra room of school buildings.

Along with four objectives outlined by Bristol Chamber of Commerce on Community Organization, Home Improvement, Family Food Supply, and Improved System of Farming, community recreation for youth and adults became a major goal. Clean up and beautification campaigns, enlightening monthly programs on improved practices, unity with community and a better spirit of cooperation between communities. Progress has been made at a very rapid rate in these organized communities. These organized communities are taking a larger part in public affairs and organizations have been strengthened. We consider that Wythe County has 4 strong community clubs and 2 communities that show chances for improvement. The winning community in Wythe County placed fourth in the District. \$200.00 from Bristol and \$50.00 from Wythe County Chamber of Commerce. Black Lick stands ready to aid other community clubs if called on.

Federation Goal Activities

Home and Community Beautification Goal objectives:

1. Clean up home grounds and make necessary repairs
2. Make a lawn or improve the established one
3. Erect farm signs
4. Screen unsightly buildings or views
5. Make entrance more attractive
6. Improve view of home from highway
7. Mail box improvement
8. Appoint a leader for Home and Community Beautification
9. Adopt an improvement campaign for beautifying home premises
10. Exchange surplus shrubs, plants and bulbs.

Method

17 Home and Community Beautification leaders from 18 clubs attended a leaders training meeting given by Mr. A. S. Beecher for help on this project. The 18 leaders worked up a demonstration and adopted it for their own club.

The following methods were used:

2 radio programs by leaders, and 2 by agent, encouraging not only club members but communities worked on this project. 5 clubs organized in committees and painted all mail boxes in areas and they stencilled the family name on the box. 4 other H. D. clubs offered prizes for best improved mail box. 3 other clubs had notices printed and put in individual boxes asking for mail boxes to be improved to meet government standard. Clean up campaigns were sponsored with individual families. 5 clubs made a contest of clean up campaign. They divided the club into 2 groups with the loosing team treating the winning team. The check sheet was drawn up by the club in 1950 but as only 2 month's demonstrations were spent on landscaping and clean up. These check sheets were adopted and used to a successful completion this year.

Improvements Of Mail Boxes Stressed By Clubs

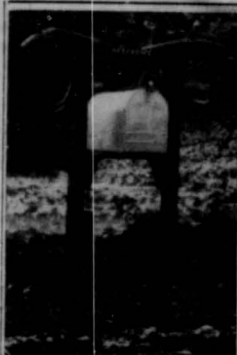
All Boxes Meeting The Government Regulations Is Aim

Various Clubs of County Are Working On Project This Month

April is Mail Box Month in Wythe County Home Demonstration Clubs, 4-H Clubs, Community clubs and other local clubs are doing a great deal of planning to see that every mail box in Wythe county is improved. It is the goal of these clubs to have all boxes meet government regulations and suggest other improvements that can be made by the individual family.

The Standard Box

Standard boxes of either the No. 1 or the No. 2 size which have been approved by the Post Office Department should be used. (Only the boxes that open on the end.)



AN IDEAL MAIL BOX—Pictured above is one of the attractive mail boxes to be found in the Black Lick Section. The community club of that section has joined other clubs in the Mail Box Improvement Project.

The box should be painted either white or aluminum with the flag painted red and the owner's name inscribed in neat black letters about 1 inch high on the side of the box visible to the carrier as he approaches it. Where 2 or more boxes are grouped together the owner's name should be placed on the door of each box. Advertising matter is prohibited on both box and support.

The support may be made of wood, metal or concrete. It should be approximately 44 inches high and painted either white or aluminum.

All boxes should be located on the right-hand side of the road and placed so that they may be conveniently served by the carrier without leaving his conveyance.

The ground area around the box should be well drained and the area could be improved by selecting and planting a shrub. Originality of the person in the displaying of the box add interest to the box and home entrance.

HOME GROUND IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

March 8, 1950 - August 9, 1950

	Your Points	No. Points
I. HOUSE (Outside)		
A. Painting	_____	25 "
B. Repair Shutters and/or Windows	_____	25 "
C. Repair Porch and Steps	_____	25 "
II. DRAINAGE		
A. Eliminate		
1. Muddy Barnyards	_____	25 "
2. Muddy Drives	_____	25 "
3. Muddy Walks	_____	25 "
III. FOUNDATION PLANTING		
A. Thorough Pruning	_____	10 "
IV. LAWN		
A. Reseed Bare Spots	_____	10 "
B. Lawn Not Healthy-Topdress	_____	10 "
C. Fill in Low Spots	_____	10 "
D. Eliminate Weeds From Lawn	_____	10 "
V. TREES		
A. Start Shade Trees	_____	10 "
B. Prune Dead Limbs	_____	10 "
C. Cut Down Dead or Weak Trees	_____	10 "
VI. DRIVEWAY		
A. Provide Adequate Space for Turning Car	_____	25 "
VII. ENTRANCE		
A. Improve Appearance of Driveway	_____	25 "
VIII. FENCE		
A. Painting	_____	
B. Repairing	_____	
C. Fence to Keep Livestock From Around Door Yard	_____	25 "
D. Clean Up Weeds and Brush Along Fence	_____	25 "
IX. CLEAN UP AND SCREENING OF UNDESIRABLE VIEWS (By Plant Material)		
A. Wood Piles	_____	25 "
B. Out Houses	_____	25 "
C. Chicken Houses	_____	25 "
D. Junk Piles	_____	25 "
E. Barn Areas	_____	25 "
X. CLEAN UP		
A. Remove All Unused Farm Machinery From Home Grounds	_____	25 "
XI. LIVABLE HOME GROUNDS		
A. Build Out Door Fireplaces	_____	10 "
B. Children's Play Area (Sandboxes, swings)	_____	10 "
C. Area for Croquet or Other Outdoor Games	_____	10 "
XII. MAIL BOX		
A. Improve		
1. Painting	_____	10 "
2. New Supplies	_____	10 "
3. Replacing with New Box	_____	10 "
XIII. COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT		
Improve the Appearance of a Public Building in Your Community by	_____	50 "
1. Painting	_____	
2. Repairing	_____	
3. Planting Shrubs	_____	

(Note) Final Report is to be turned in to Captain on August 9th - Club Meeting.

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Six clubs joined their efforts in an all out community clean up campaign. Dumps were cleaned up, "No Dumping" signs were erected, Filling Stations dumps cleared, road sides and along railroads made tidy, and community eye sores were removed.

Posters were made and two exhibits in two different towns were displayed to encourage Home and Community Beautification. L-H Clubs joined efforts of H. D. clubs in mail box painting, clean up, and erecting farm signs.

Results:

82 families painted buildings, 135 families did some drainage work, 138 improved lawns, by foundation planting. 17 lawns seeded, 103 families planted trees and pruned old ones, 47 families made driveways safer, 29 families established a parking area, 68 percent of 430 club members improved entrance, 125 families improved fences or built new ones, 28 families established a new walk, 88 families screened undesirable views, 62 families created living areas, which include play areas and outdoor living rooms, 187 families improved looks of home grounds from highway, 14 H. D. Clubs had a plant and shrub exchange day, 5 clubs helped with flower and garden exhibits at Rural Retreat Fair.

National H. D. Week

Objective: To extend extension program in County and to let public know what H. D. work is and how much progress is being made.

Method and Accomplishments:

18 H. D. Clubs united their effort to make National Home Demonstration Club Week a big success. Headlines were given to Nation H. D. week in both county papers during week of April 29th to May 5th. 16 of 18 clubs prepared an exhibit of all work done during past year and placed these on display in store windows in town nearest their club. 2 H.D. Clubs gave a dinner and invited community to see exhibits. One club sold 140 plates at \$1.00 apiece.

Eighteen Wythe Clubs Are Observing National H.D. Club Week, Apr. 29-May 5

Exhibits of Accomplishments The Past Year Will Be On
Display In Wytheville, Rural Retreat, M. M., Crockett

EIGHTEEN WYTHE CLUBS OBSERVING "NATIONAL H. D. CLUB" WEEK

HISTORY OF WORK IN WYTHE TO BE TOLD

A very interesting history of the Wythe County Home Demonstration Program since it was started in 1932 has been prepared by Miss Katherine Sharitz, of the Fairview Club and same will appear in the Friday edition of the ENTERPRISE. The objective of this history is to better acquaint the public with the progress and cycles of the work in Wythe.

Eighteen clubs in Wythe County are joining with the clubs throughout the nation this week (April 29-May 5) in the observance of National Home Demonstration Week. The theme that is being stressed is "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World."

Exhibits will be featured in store windows in Wytheville, Rural Retreat, Max Meadows and Crockett. The Community Clubs have prepared exhibits and special programs to be featured during the week. The exhibit will show improved practices as a result of demonstrations given during the past year. In some of the exhibits a series of articles will be shown.

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complished in H. D. work has been possible because everybody helped. Not just the H. D. Club members or leaders, but the support of the Board of Supervisors, the local stores in their willingness to lend material and order special supplies, WYVE for special announcements and to the Southwest Virginia Enterprise for the splendid editorials, notices and the very fine club publicity that has been so freely given." National Home Demonstration Week will close with a District I Federation meeting in Independence on May 4. The guest speak-

while other clubs will elaborate on a single demonstration. Federation Goal articles will also be displayed.

"Wythe County should be justifiably proud of its increase in club membership, the successful handling of new projects and the increase in active leadership of the members in the club," an officer of a club told an ENTERPRISE reporter when questioned as to personal opinion concerning the H. D. work in Wythe.

A spokesman for the H. D. Club Committee had the following to say:

"What Wythe County has accomplished is well known. It is a credit to the county and its people. Mrs. Lydia A. Lynde, Family Life Specialist V. S. D. A. Extension Service. She will speak on "Family Responsibility In Today's World." A number of members from the various clubs in this county have made plans to attend the meeting.

One radio program given, 1 club member who had years of service as H. D. Member prepared history of H. D. Club work and had it printed in County paper.

Progress Of Home Demonstration Work In Wythe County, Revealed By History

There Are Now Eighteen Clubs With Membership of 450—First Clubs Were Organized In 1932-33; Growth Is Remarkable

EDITOR'S NOTE—The following extremely interesting and highly informative history of the outstanding work the ladies of the rural areas of Wythe County have done was prepared by Miss Katherine Sharitz of the Fairview Club. This newspaper expresses thanks to Miss Sharitz for this splendid article.

Four hundred fifty strong, yes, just that! Four hundred fifty women of Wythe County united in one objective, means richer home life for all families whose mothers and sisters are Home Demonstration women nor does the work stop with Home Demonstration families, for the "good works" of the organization are carried wherever there is need. However, after seventeen years of growth, there are those who say "just what is this Home Demonstration Club work?" In the early 1920's women of the county became aroused by physical conditions existing here and

there, part of which were the aftermath of World War I. Then came an urge to better these conditions, make their homes more comfortable and attractive, and to make themselves more attractive. Interested groups in the county met with Miss Jessie Logan to discuss clothing, foods, canning and kitchen arrangement. Interest grew and after some months, Miss Mary Fred Claytor came to Wythe to create more interest in the work for women. Clothing, foods, canning methods, and better kitchens were still popular topics for discussion. (Continued on page four)

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cussion. Work was done to create interest among the children to enter 4-H club work. The girls were given instructions in sewing and cooking, and during this same period Miss Powhatan Stone, Red Cross nurse, gave instruction to mothers and daughters in the care of children and in home nursing.

Actually Started in 1932

For several years First Aid and Home Nursing classes were taught in the various rural communities. In 1932 six study clubs with one hundred sixty-six members had been organized.

In 1933, Miss Clara Austin, trained Home Demonstration Agent, came to Wythe county and began work as part time Home Demonstration Agent. Finally the county Board of Supervisors made an appropriation for demonstration work, and Miss Austin was released in September 1934 from

her two-fold job to become full time Home Demonstration Agent. County officers and teachers formed an advisory board and plans were made for county work. By the end of 1934 Wythe county had twelve Home Demonstration clubs with one hundred ninety-seven members, and four 4-H clubs with sixty-five members. These groups did not function satisfactorily in all phases of the work but willingness to do the best possible kept interest alive.

10 Clubs in 1935

When Miss Chilton Ryburn came as agent in 1935, there were ten clubs with two hundred nineteen members, and at the end of 1936 there were nineteen organizations with three hundred fifty-four members. These clubs were located in every section of the county—east, west, north and south. During 1938 Miss Ryburn was assisted by Miss Elizabeth Abbott, and club membership grew to four

hundred fifteen. Miss Marie Lacy replaced Miss Ryburn as agent in November 1943, and during her tenure of office the number of clubs dropped from twenty to seventeen, but membership rose from four hundred to four hundred fifty. Fifteen 4-H Clubs with two hundred eighteen members grew to sixteen clubs with three hundred twenty-five boys and girls interested in gardening, live stock, poultry, cooking, sewing, and the like.

Miss Georgiana Graybeal took charge of the Demonstration work in June 1944, and soon organized the first club for negro women with twenty members. War conditions cut club membership, but seventeen clubs were functioning well when Miss Leota Sullenger came to Wythe in 1948. Membership increased to three hundred sixty-five, with three hundred seven children in eighteen 4-H clubs.

In the fall of 1949, Miss Irene Martin replaced Miss Sullenger, and is leading approximately four hundred fifty women in 18 clubs; and three hundred fifty children in nineteen clubs.

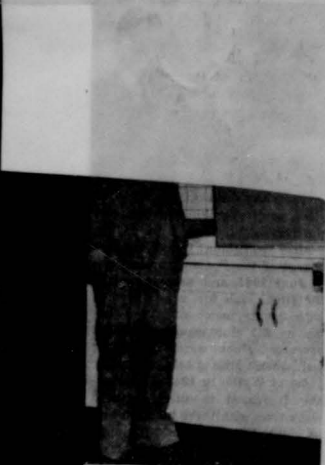
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Those early interests in more attractive clothing, better foods, home furnishings, decorations, and outside beautification have reached a high degree of attainment, and are still growing. Arts and crafts are popular and useful and rural women have found that the best can be had for their families and much time left for other accomplishments.

Under this last heading such contributions have been made as aid to Red Cross, Cancer and Infantile Paralysis drives, Save A Child Federation, gifts to schools and churches, aid to needy families, gifts to Crippled Children's Hospital, purchase of Monohan lung for Life Saving Crew and contributions to Claytor Lake Rural Camp project. Wythe Club women has sponsored 4-H and community clubs, and served lunch for the Chamber of Commerce on the day of the dedication of Carter Memorial Park. Many other contributions have been made, and each has opened another avenue of service which makes life worth while.

"There's a destiny that makes us
brothers,

None goes his way alone;
All that we put in the lives of others,
Comes back into our own."

VI. 4-H CLUB WORK

A. Project Work
A. SEWING

Objectives - To teach 4-H club members how to sew using correct sewing principles.

To teach 4-H club members construction of simple 1 and 2 piece articles.

To teach homemakers, how to use a simple pattern and help her to advance in stitches, material and method.

To help older girls improve their sewing technique.

To teach the 4-H Club members taking Looking Your Best to make the most of appearance, stressing grooming and dress, also to teach better manners to this group.

1. Looking Your Best

7 clubs carried this unit. 87 girls were enrolled, 74 girls completed projects. 74 club members showed improvement as result of demonstrations on care of feet, hands, hair, skin, posture, voice and teeth. They also kept records for 3 months. 74 provided shoe shining kits, and 130 prepared sewing kits for quick repair. 68 members laundered 564 sweaters as a result of a demonstration on laundering sweaters. 149 articles were made, material was furnished by Miss Johnson. 5 club leaders assisted agent with demonstrations.

2. So You'd Like To Sew

Six clubs carried this unit. 128 club members enrolled with 116 completions. Leaders assisted agent with demonstration. 927 articles were made which included towels, bibs, luncheon sets, blouses and shirts. 97 club members also studied care and repair of clothing.

3. Make or Mend

2 clubs enrolled in this project and 18 girls from various clubs. 34 girls enrolled and of this group 26 girls completed projects. 2 leaders and 4 mothers assisted with sewing project. 78 garments were made, and 23 garments remodeled, 26 club members studied personal care of clothing and 18 members kept clothing accounts for a period of 12 months with a total of \$6331.00 reported spent.

B. HOME IMPROVEMENT

Objective - The objective of this project is to start the girls out with room care and arranging, to teach her to assume responsibilities for cleaning, caring, making and selecting things, for her room. This information should help establish good principles that will be of benefit to her later in life.

Method and Accomplishments

3 clubs carried Room Improvement project, and members from 4 other clubs carried individual projects. 2 leaders and 1 junior leader helped with this project. 83 club members were enrolled with 67 club members completing project. 58 rooms were improved, 195 articles

made, 5 articles bought, 6 closets were built and 14 floors refinished. 36 girls either made sheets and pillow cases or improved old ones by mending and reweaving, 11 bed side tables were made, and 14 others improvised. 32 girls studied color schemes for their rooms, with 45 girls made changes by papering or painting, 32 girls put petitions in dresser drawers in order to keep belongings more tidy, 26 shoe bags were made. Material for these demonstrations were furnished by Miss Ruth Jamison. 442 bulletins and pamphlets were distributed.

C. FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVICE

Objective - To teach 4-H club members good principles of measuring, mixing, in planning dishes and simple meals. To acquaint 4-H club members with a knowledge of preparing and serving meals that will give them a background that they can build on.

Method and Accomplishments:

3 4-H clubs and 29 members received instructions from 2 leaders and agent, but only 17 members completed project. These three clubs met twice a month during summer. These older girls received demonstrations and were then asked to practice at home. 3 of these enrolled members had complete responsibility of caring for family during summer. As a result, 809 meals were planned, 28 were prepared. Girls helped mother in serving 312 meals. Girls showed big accomplishments in varieties of salads made. Simple principles of nutrition were taught in menu planning.

2. Bread Making

9 girls enrolled in bread making with 9 girls completing. All girls made bread more times than required. These 2 projects were carried last spring. Girls continued baking during summer. Biscuits were made 155 times, cornbread 135, muffins 65 and rolls 55. 3 leaders gave part time instruction to group. 3 of these girls made bread more often as mother worked.

D. YARD BEAUTIFICATION

Objective - To teach girls how to care for lawn, trim shrubbery, seed lawns, plant shrubs for landscaping and screening, also plant and arrange flowers.

Method

Eight older girls from 1 club and 4 others from other clubs carried this project. The older girls in 1 club were only members completing. These girls received 3 demonstrations from leader and three from agent. Before and after pictures were made. Two girls made outdoor living room, 9 girls cared for lawn by seeding, mowing and planting flowers and shrubs. 4 girls entered flowers in Fair and 3 girls won ribbons.

E. GARDENING

19 girls enrolled in garden project with 10 members completing. 5 acres were cared for by these girls. 6 of these girls took major responsibility of caring for family garden.

F. FOOD PRESERVATION

Objectives - To teach girls good principles of planning, canning and storing food.

19 girls enrolled in food preservation with 11 completions. 6 mothers aided 4-H members with her project. 1,836 quarts of food were canned and 1,528 pounds frozen.

2. OTHER ACTIVITIES

A. ACHIEVEMENT DAY

The 4-H Achievement Day was held at Wytheville in the Courthouse. 250 club members, leaders, parents and friends attended this program. Miss Lucille Graves was guest speaker. Two Rural Electrification project winners from Pulaski presented the Rural Electrification Program. The 4-H Club summary was given by the club president. Dr. J. M. Grayson awarded medals to the County winners of various projects. The most outstanding club of the County was awarded a silver loving cup, the second outstanding club of county was awarded 4-H Pennant. AEP Co. presented an afternoon program of entertainment.

4-H CAMP

36 club members, 1 leader and 3 agents attended 4-H Camp at Camp Caesar, Webster Springs, West Virginia. Wythe attended camp with Grayson and 3 Co. Counties.

C. STATE ALL STAR CONFERENCE AND SHORT COURSE

9 4-H members, 1 All Star member and Home Agent attended State Short Course. 1 boy and 1 girl from Wythe County were made All Stars

D. CONTEST

Wythe County had 3 girls to enter area contest. 1 girl entered in Room Improvement, 1 girl in Make or Remake and 1 girl in Food Preparation. The 4-H member in Room Improvement placed first in area and alternate for district. The girl in the Make or Remake contest placed second in area and the Food Preparation entry placed second in area. These girls have been the first girls entering contest for past 3 years and they have been an incentive to other 4-H members to improve their projects.

E. COMMUNITY PROJECTS

12 clubs kept school ground and buildings clean, 4 clubs assisted H. D. clubs in community clean up campaign, 1 club painted mail boxes and stencilled owners name on box, 1 club gave a dish towel, pot holder shower to lunch room. 1 4-H club furnished water to school. 4 boxes of food and clothing were packed for needy families at Christmas. 2 clubs beautified school ground by planting flowers and shrubs. 1 club furnished oil cloth, book case, potted plants and curtains to improve appearance of school room.

F. NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

All clubs found some way to celebrate National 4-H week. 3 clubs put up exhibits in store windows, 2 clubs placed exhibits in library at school, 10 clubs had a program devoted to National 4-H week at club meetings that month. 3 clubs held joint parties, 2 newspaper articles were written, one radio program and one new 4-H club organized.

G. RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

The 4-H Clubs went to church and sat together. 2 clubs wore 4-H caps, 1 club wore arm bands, 2 local ministers mentioned 4-H club work in their sermons.

VII. YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMENS WORK

Wythe County does not have an organized young men and womens group. However, Home Agents and 2 H. D. Club members receiving regular help that fall in this area. 208 young women were assisted in other Civic organizations.

VIII. SCOPE OF WORK

	1948	1949	1950	1951
No. H. D. Clubs of Scope	16	17	17	18
Membership	322	345	420	437
No. 4-H Clubs	17	17	19	19
Membership	228	307	350	360
No. YM Groups				
Membership				
No. of other families reached	1200	600	700	800
Total No. Families Reached	1540	1130	1300	1400

IX. BRIEF STATEMENTS ON COUNTY COMMITTEES

COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION COMMITTEE

This committee holds 2 meetings a year. One in the spring and one in the fall. It is the purpose of this committee to assist in planning and evaluating the club program, also to set up County goals. Sub committees are used and other meetings held as needs arise.

2. COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

4-H Council meets twice a year. All club officers and leaders can attend this meeting. The officers and leaders work together to outline objectives and to appoint such committees as are necessary to help with planning and carrying on the years program.

I. LEADERSHIP

A. Describe briefly the contributions of the volunteer leaders to the program.

1. ORGANIZATIONAL

All organizational officers were trained in December in their respective club duties. Every organizational leader was responsible for a definite duty each month. If the leader was absent, president selected a leader to serve in her place. A duplicate copy of all letters sent to leaders was mailed to president. This served as a check to see that the expected duties were performed.

2. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

A program development leader was appointed for each club. The program development leaders received training at a spring County wide meeting. A folder was prepared to guide each leader. This program development leader asked for program suggestions each month. In September the club members voted on their choice of 3 demonstrations. The program development leader then knew that the entire club backed the suggestion. This was turned in at the program planning meeting in September.

3. SUBJECT MATTER

Some subject matter leaders worked in pairs and some alone. All leaders in 17 clubs gave 6 demonstrations during the year. The other club leader missed 2 demonstrations. 9 clubs held extra demonstrations, with subject matter leaders responsible. The clubs showed a great increase in monthly reports given at club meetings by special committee chairman and leaders. Health, Garden, Consumer Information Chairman.

B. GROWTH OF LEADERSHIP

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Growth of H.D. Club Project Leadership	1948	1949	1950	1951
No. project leaders and goal chairmen	48	80	85	162
No training meetings held by Specialists:	5	2	7	12
by Agents	6	5	2	2
Attendance at all training meetings	165	112	303	225
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	83	111	91	93
No additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	178	121	148	154

Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership	1948	1949	1950	1951
No. adult project leaders	14	22	24	16
No. junior project leaders	1	2	12	4
No. training meetings held by specialist:	2	0	2	
by agents	3	0	6	11
Attendance at leader training meetings	90	0	303	61
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	0	7	1	18
No. club meetings held by leader without agent present	0	53	45	40
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted			24	28
No. demonstrations given by Leaders:	20	70	45	55
by adult				
by junior	4	3	4	6

C. ACTIVITIES OF SOME OUTSTANDING LEADER

Every year the H. D. County Committee presents a pin to the outstanding H. D. Club woman whose record of accomplishments excell the records of all other H. D. Women. This award is made at Achievement Day. The lady selected must be outstanding in H. D. Work, in Community affairs, and a well rounded homemaker.

The pin this year was awarded to Mrs. Fred Hounshell of Black Lick Community.

In addition to serving as Home Demonstration Club President, for 2 years with club members ip doubled during her service, she served as year book chairman, county secretary and showed some response to all dem-onstrations. Her report of equipment bought for her home excells any other individual ho. She reported the following in Community Leader-ship:

Sunday School Teacher

Secretary and Treasurer for Marvin Sunday School

Pres. of the Womens Society of Christian Service

Pres. of H. D. Club

Member of Community Club and Chr. of Pa. and Home Improvement Committee

Counselor of Youth recreation

Project Chr. for United Counsel of Church Women

Member of McDowell Music Club

Junior Garden Club Counselor

Member of R. R. Garden Club and ~~Recreation~~

Member of P. T. A.

Weather Observer for Wythe County

Chr. of H. D. Yearbook Committee ~~last year~~

Contributed to Cancer, Red Cross, Polio and Crippled Childrens drive

and also solicited for each in the Black Lick Community

Gave clothes to be sent to Korea

Contributed dishes and dish towels to Community Center.

Taught Vacation Bible School

Chr. of the Vegetable Department of the Rural Retreat Fair

Furnished food and helped serve ~~at the~~ at Community Center

Visited, sent cards and took food to the sick.

Attended the food freezing ~~demonstration~~

In helping to beautify community, this member helped to paint and letter 34 mail boxes.

The County feels that the awarding of the pin to most outstanding club woman encourages better reports from club members.

SIXTEEN WYTHE H. D. CLUBS REPRESENTED AT ACHIEVEMENT DAY

MRS FRED HOUNSHELL WINS TOP HONOR; MESDAMES OSCAR BUCHANAN, JIM WARD RUNNERS-UP FOR ANNUAL AWARD

Crockett Club Was Awarded Gavel As Most Outstanding Club In Wythe For 1951—Exhibits Depicting The Various Accomplishments of Past Year Displayed

The annual Home Demonstration Achievement Day Program held here Friday was a huge success. Sixteen of the eighteen Wythe County H. D. Clubs were represented at the meeting. The representatives and numerous other guests enjoyed an inspiring talk on Mental Health, by Dr. Mae Kelley, of the American Empire Guidance Center at Radford.

The highlight of the program came when a pin was presented to Mrs. Fred Hounshell, of the Black Lick Club, who was judged by her record, to be the most outstanding Home Demonstration Club Woman of the year. Mrs. Oscar Buchanan,

of the Speedwell club was runner up, and Mrs. Jim Ward, of the Zion Club, third.

Bird Does Honors

Paul E. Bird, County Farm Agent, presented the record of this winner, which included active participation in H. D. Clubs. Mrs. Hounshell, served as president of her club for two years, was year-book chairman last year and leader in many project committees of H. D. and Community Club work. She has held office in five civic organizations. Her community activities reported, number twenty-one. This included church, civic and community projects. In addition to these activities, Mrs. Hounshell showed the greatest improvement in home furnishings, equipment, in food supply and in general family living. These three women were selected because their record showed them most active in club work, community work and homemaking activities.



MOST OUTSTANDING H. D. CLUB WOMAN IN WYTHE— Pictured above is Mrs. Fred Hounshell, who has been selected as the most outstanding H. D. Club Woman in Wythe County for 1951. Mrs. Oscar Buchanan of Speedwell, and Mrs. Jim Ward of Zion won second and third place honors

Crockett Club Wins Gavel

The Crockett H. D. Club with a total membership of 27 and with a one hundred percent attendance won the gavel as the most outstanding club of the year and with the highest score of participation. This club was judged on 1. H's

worthwhile contributions to Health Improvement; 2. club leaders attending all leaders training meetings and giving six demonstrations to clubs. Crockett enjoyed two extra demonstrations by leaders; 3. Present at County Home Demonstration Committee meetings; 4. Community projects planned and carried through; 5. Increase in Active members; 6. Highest average attendance at club meetings; 7. Represented at Institute of Rural Affairs; 8. Club furnishings, 4-H Club leader; 9. Sponsored neighborhood groups in the community; 10. The highest percentage of response was given to all demonstrations.

The Black Lick club was chosen as second place winner and the Bethel club, third.

Many Exhibits

Exhibits, showing different phases of H. D. programs was exhibited by the clubs. These well arranged exhibits showed, Good lighting in the home, good reading in the home, fruits and vegetables grown in Wythe County, nutrition and cooking demonstrations, tufting bedspreads, making feather comforters, reconditioning and styling huts, making gloves, covering umbrellas, principles of good landscaping and other crafts such as etching trays, textile painting, party favors and winter flower arrangements. Principles of good parliamentary procedure & the United Nations program were also featured in the exhibit. There were exhibits on display from seventeen

clubs. Mrs. Irene M. Green, County Home Demonstration Agent, said that Mrs. E. E. Cobb, Achievement Day Chairman and the cooperation of her committees made the H. D. Achievement Day of 1951 the success that it was.

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XI. WORK IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

All 18 H. D. Clubs have worked with the public health program. Donations and contributions have been made to all projects undertaken. Literature has been distributed at regular monthly meetings. H. D. Clubs have cooperated with Red Cross in providing blood donors. 68 blood donors have been H. D. members and a great many more donors influenced by Club members. Home Agent has served as secretary for U. S. D. A. Council. She attended 3 or 4 meetings held this year. Home Agent attended T. V. A banquet. Agencies have met together and discussed general problems on various occasions. Home Agent served as Home Nursing Chairman for county.

XII. APPRAISAL OF YEAR'S WORK

H. D. Clubs are continuing to make progress. Leaders assume greater responsibilities. Results of demonstrations can be seen by home visitation. Extension influence has spread due to radio programs and active program participation. More home requests for help and home visits are being received daily. The 4-H Clubs too are making greater strides. Better equipped volunteer local leaders are helping with the youth program. Too, the Community Clubs of Southwest Virginia have the answer to better community living for neighborhood groups and greater progress has been shown for better rural living for both adults and youth. (Editorial express feeling of editor in progress being made)

A SALUTE TO THE H. D. CLUBS

The ENTERPRISE salutes today the scores of Wythe County women who have given of their time and talents to the end that the Home Demonstration Club work in this area might play second fiddle to none. We are confident that in no area of the Old Dominion will be found a more energetic group of clubs than the eighteen in Wythe. The enviable record of accomplishments that the ladies under the H. D. Banner report every year on Achievement Day is one that every citizen living in this county should be proud of.

There is no phase of the extension program that we are more interested in, or, that we believe has brought more direct results than the H. D. Club work. It is almost unbelievable to check back over a period of a year and find the things that the various club members have done to lift standards of living in their respective homes; to make their own communities better areas in which to live; to combine work with play; visitation and social engagements with lessons in economy and thriftiness. The monthly meetings of the clubs are eagerly looked forward to by all members, and as we have read the reports of the club meetings week after week we have had a feeling of awe at the wonderful attendance record reported.

Any club in any community that can month after month have almost one hundred percent of the membership answering the roll call tells a story of loyalty and devotion, as well as a very concrete example of just what the Home Demonstration work does mean to the ladies living in the various rural sections of Wythe County.

We feel that this county is extremely fortunate in having as H. D. Agent, Miss Irene Martin, who has long since proven her ability and countless talents without reservation for the ongoing of the program that she believes in so firmly.

As the hundreds and hundreds of clubs throughout the nation observe National Home Demonstration Week, the ENTERPRISE believes that nowhere is the work progressing more nicely, than in our county. The 18 Wythe clubs certainly have a well earned right to observe the week, for the evidences of the advancement, and the history of the club work in this county tells a story that deserves a place high in the archives of Wythe's Onward March of Prosperity, Progress and Happiness. Our hats are off to every club, to every member, to every officer, and to the H. D. Agent for a job well done.

