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111. Scope of Work

A. Home Demonstration Clubs

No. 14 Membership 320

Other women reached by home demonstration club members

No. 250

B. 4-H Clubs

No. 9 Membership 141 girls

D. Number reached through other groups by agent 75

F. Other methods used to reach families (publicity, radio, office calls, visits, letters)

No. families reached 500

G. Estimate total number families reached 1250

Number farm families in county 2081

IV. Adult Work

A. Home Demonstration Club Program

1. Project Work

a. How was program determined?

At two meetings of the Home Demonstration Clubs during the summer or early fall part of the time was set aside for the discussion of program planning. Outlook material was presented either by the agent or by a club leader. During the discussions which followed the members were asked to list suggestions for the program for the coming year. The list was to include topics they felt were the needs of individual club members, the club as a whole and the community.

The final planning of the program was done at the fall meeting of the County Home Demonstration Committee. This committee is composed of the presidents of each club, representatives from unorganized groups and several county representatives or members at large. Two meetings are held during the year. Each club president

brought the suggestions for the new program from her club. There the suggestions were listed and discussed on a county wide basis. A committee was appointed to make a tentative program from the list of suggestions and present such to the group for final approval. Each club president then took the suggested years calendar back to her club for discussion. Each club had the opportunity to make any adjustments they felt necessary and to select their topics for the club choice months.

b. Subject matter fields in which work was carried.

The program for 1947 was a varied one. The club women felt they had many needs and the program was planned to include as many of these as possible.

Since new electric lines were being constructed in four sections of the county there was a need for information of proper lighting and wiring. Other members were interested in the general topic and since the cost of new lamps and shades was so great, re-wiring old lamps and making lamp shades were included in the program.

Club members were anxious to get the long dreamed of job of remodeling the home done and to purchase some labor saving equipment that had not been available for several years. To meet this need information on decorating the background of the home and on selection and use of small home equipment was given.

Many of the members felt they had not had enough food work included in programs of previous years so two meetings were devoted to nutrition and meal planning.

Since the price of clothing still remained high and some quality poor the club women felt they should continue to remodel and to have additional information on construction. One meeting was devoted to instructions on altering a pattern and another to re-

modeling clothes.

Slip Cover construction, furniture work, food conservation and recreation were chosen for some of the open meetings to meet individual club needs.

c. Project Work

1. Rural Electrification -

Twenty demonstrations were given on wiring old lamps, making lamp shades and proper lighting and wiring. The objective was to teach more women to convert old lamps to modern electric ones so that families getting electricity for the first time and those needing lamps would be able to have them without extra expense. 26 club women obtained electricity for the first time this year. Approximately 60 lamps were rewired at club meetings and 35 shades made or recovered. As a result of these meetings lamps were made from bottles, jugs, and many odd shaped pieces of pottery.

2. Food -

Ten demonstrations were given on nutrition and meal planning and 10 on preparing and serving a buffet lunch or supper. Much interest was shown in the Buffet lunch. The Catlett Home Demonstration Club made their supper a family affair. The members met for their business meeting and demonstration. Each member's family and guests came when it was time for the supper to be served. It was a very successful social gathering as well as helpful demonstration.

64 members tried new recipes and 47 learned to eat new foods this year. 200 families were assisted with improved diets and 275 with food preparation.

Each club had garden and poultry leaders who led discussions at each meeting. These leaders were trained by garden and poultry specialists. 110 families were directly assisted in improving their home food production of vegetables, 18 of fruits, 35 of meat, 14 of milk and 30 of poultry and eggs.

July 24, 1947

# Pass It On

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Hello, Mrs. Neighbor. This is the week to check your farm and home for safety. President Truman has named July 20-26 as National Farm Safety Week.



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According to figures assembled by the National Safety Council, there are more accidents on farms than in any other occupation. This is partly due to the number of persons engaged in or about farming but in the number of accidents per 100 persons engaged, agriculture shares with mining and logging, the unhappy distinction of being the most hazardous of occupations. Accidents from falls head the list, farm machinery comes second, livestock third and then burns, cuts, etc.

No one expects to have an accident, yet we have them, and they usually come when we are hurried or tired. The most useful way to prevent them is to make systematic checks of the farm, the home, the playground and other places where we are active at work or at play; then correct the dangerous conditions before the damage is done. Accidents are no respecters of persons and they strike with stunning suddenness. A periodic check and forming the habit of alertness are our chief weapons against them. Let's get the habit.

Home canners will welcome the news that some of the processing times are cut. These new times are a result of three years of careful research by the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics. These new times should only be followed when the foods are prepared according to the directions given by the Department of Agriculture. This means hot packed food.

Here are a few of the new recommended times for processing at 10 pounds pressure. Keep this handy until the new bulletin comes out.

Product	Class pints	Glass quarts
Beans, Lima	85 Min.	60 Min.
Beans, snap	20	25
Beets	25	35
Carrots	20	25
Corn,		
whole grain	55	85
Peas	40	40
Spinach	45	70
Squash	30	40
Sweet Potatoes		
dry pack	65	95
Sweet Potatoes,		
wet pack	55	90

You folks down Bristersburg way don't forget to come to the Lawn Festival at Zoar Church Friday night, July 25. The festival is sponsored by the church and the Home Demonstration Club.

300 families were given assistance with canning problems and 325 with freezing problems. 130 club members reported 10,847 quarts of fruit, 18,534 quarts of vegetables and 4,874 quarts of meat, making a total of 34,255 quarts of food canned this year. Mrs. B. A. Rucker of the Delaplane club headed the list, canning 1000 quarts of fruits and vegetables. 31,320 lbs. of meat were cured and 800 lbs. of fruits, 640 lbs. of vegetables and 6,960 lbs. of meat frozen.

Three clubs had all day meetings at a community canning center in August and canned for the school lunch program. The food was contributed by club members and other school patrons.

### 3. Clothing -

Twenty demonstrations were given on clothing projects, 8 by the leaders. "Making the Pattern Fit the Person" and Remodeling clothes were the topics for demonstration. 80 families were assisted with clothing construction problems, 160 on the selection of clothing and textiles, 275 on renovation and remodeling and 40 with clothing budgets. 54 members attending club meetings assisted a non club member and gave information on remodeling received at the meeting. 60 members assisted other people with construction of new garments.

### 4. House Furnishings -

10 demonstrations were given on Decorating the Background of the Home. 43 club members reported they redecorated according to the ideas and suggestions given at the meetings.

Since furniture work is one of the most popular subjects in the clubs in Fauquier each club did some type of furniture work at one of their club choice meetings. 165 pieces of furniture were repaired, 22 upholstered, 25 springs tied in cushions, 58 slip covers made and 141 chairs bottomed by club members.

Mrs. Alvin Ruffner of the Bristersburg club who last year started bottoming chairs as a hobby and to get a little extra spending money now has a total of 88 chairs bottomed to her credit.

April 17, 1947

# Pass It On

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Hello Mrs. Neighbor: Now that your garden is planted you are beginning to think about canning and freezing those vegetables this summer. For those of you who are planning the



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purchase of a home freezer, here are some pointers to consider, as suggested by household equipment specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The size depends not only on the number

in the family but on where you live and how you expect to use the freezer. Most farm families especially those who do their own butchering, may want a walk-in combination freezer storage unit. A minimum of five cubic feet of frozen food storage space per person is recommended for farm homes. Where a relatively small part of the family's food comes from the freezer, about three cubic feet of space per person is a good average.

Some farm families are finding it better to have a locker at a locker plant, have the processing done at the plant and use a small home locker more for storage to save frequent trips to plant.

Larger freezers are less expensive per cubic foot to operate. Freezers with top openings cost a little less and have proved slightly more economical in operation.

How long can food be stored is a question often asked by prospective home-freezer owners. To use up one season's crop before the next is put in the freezer is a good rule. Frozen food is better if it is not kept too long, and the greater the turnover in the freezer, the lower will be the cost per pound of storage.

Here is a hint for easy housecleaning. To wash woodwork quickly, use a mixture of one cup kerosene, one cup vinegar, one cup water and two tablespoons raw linseed oil. Go over the woodwork with this mixture and follow with a cloth wrung from clear water.

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Miss Winifred Gildersleeve, County Health Nurse, and C. W. Weston, County Sanitation Officer, will be guest speakers at the meeting of the Home Home Demonstration Club, to be held Wednesday, April 23, at the school at 2:30 p. m. Members of the Orlean and Delaplaine clubs are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 6, at the Warrenton High School at 10:00 a. m. to discuss the control of insects, flies, and all types of household pests. J. O. Rowell, Entomologist, V.P.L., Blacksburg, will be the speaker. A demonstration on the use of DDT materials will follow. Mark the date and plan to attend. The public is invited.

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The agent worked with several unorganized groups on slip cover construction. Mrs. Walter Robinson, Warrenton, learned to make slip covers at a group meeting and since then has made 14 for her family and friends.

26 families were assisted with plans for remodeling dwellings and 55 with room arrangement.

5. Home Management -

11 demonstrations were given on Selection and Use of Small Home Equipment. 32 families were given direct help on the use of new equipment purchased.

22 families were assisted with installing water systems and 43 with rearranging kitchens. 175 families reported an improvement in housekeeping methods.

2. Federation Goal -

The Federation Goal for 1947 was Rural Youth. It was chosen because the women felt an urgent need for more and better home and community life for the young people.

The objectives were:

1. Stimulate leadership:

- a. By working with young people in community, school and church.
- b. By securing adult volunteer leadership for 4-H clubs.
- c. By influencing all county organizations to encourage leadership among youth.

2. Promote wholesome recreation:

- a. By providing a meeting place for wholesome recreation.
- b. By holding joint socials of Home Demonstration and 4-H clubs.
- c. By enlisting volunteer adult leaders for the 4-H camp.

Each home demonstration club appointed a 4-H leader to work with the 4-H girls in their project work and to keep the home demonstration club informed concerning 4-H activities.

Each home demonstration club sponsored some type of community recreation during the year. The Bealeton club worked in cooperation with the P. T. A. and the churches and sponsored a social for young people at the school two nights a month. The clubs sponsored joint adult and 4-H picnics during the summer.

Health was selected as a minor goal. It had been the goal for two years and since this was the first year for the health unit the clubs felt they should put forth special effort to cooperate with the unit and help make it a success.

### 3. Other Activities -

In addition to the recreational activities each club sponsored some money making activity during the year. The Delaplane and Marshall clubs sponsored a movie at their local theater. Remington, Bealeton and Catlett clubs served suppers to the Ruritan clubs. Orlean and Hume sponsored radio and talent shows. Morrisville served a supper for a Southern States Meeting. Summerduck sponsored a Hallowe'en fun festival and Bristersburg a lawn party.

The Bealeton, Remington and Summerduck Home Demonstration Clubs held a joint meeting in May during National Home Demonstration Week. A special program was presented with a report on the meeting of The District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and the County Health Nurse was guest speaker. A social hour followed and the members got acquainted. They decided to have at least one joint meeting a year.

22 members attended the District meeting of the State Federation at Woodstock and 2 the State Meeting at Blacksburg.

The clubs in the county assisted the 4-H clubs with the lunch at the county Dairy Show and the District Dairy Show. The County Chairman took charge and each club was asked to contribute. Proceeds went to county treasure.

August 7, 1942  
**Pass It On**

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Hello Mrs. Neighbor:

It's peach canning time again and isn't it wonderful to have sugar for those preserves and jams we missed so during the days of rationing. Here is a standard recipe for peach preserves:

Any variety of peach of good white or yellow kind of dessert will make satisfactory preserves if chosen at the firm ripe stage.



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Wash and pare the peaches. Either leave them whole or cut them into uniform pieces such as halves, quarters, or eighths. To each pound of prepared fruit allow  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 pound of sugar. Combine the fruit and the sugar in alternate layers and let stand 8 to 10 hours or overnight before cooking. Or add the sugar and one-fourth cup of water for each pound of the fruit and cook at once. In either case, stir carefully while heating to boiling. Boil rapidly until the sirup is somewhat thick, stirring constantly to prevent burning. Pour at once into hot sterilized jars and seal.

Pickled peaches are another delicious addition to a meal that we will be glad to have back again. Try this recipe for pickling the small peaches:

8 pounds small or medium-sized peaches. 2 tablespoons whole cloves. 8 two-inch pieces stick cinnamon. 4 pounds sugar. 2 quarts vinegar.

Wash and pare peaches and stick two cloves in each peach. Or put cloves and cinnamon loosely in a clean, thin, white cloth and tie top tightly. Cook together spices, sugar, and vinegar for 10 minutes, or until the sirup is fairly thick. Add the peaches; cook slowly until tender, but not broken. Let stand overnight.

In the morning, remove spices if they have been cooked in a bag. Drain the sirup from peaches and boil sirup rapidly until thickened. Pack peaches in clean, hot, sterile jars. Pour sirup over the peaches, filling jars to top. Seal tightly.

Keep in a cool place for several weeks before serving to blend the flavor.

Mrs. W. D. Neale, Bealeton, and Mrs. Effie Cowne, Midland, represented the county last week at the meeting of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and Institute of Rural Affairs at V. P. I., Blacksburg. Six hundred delegates from the state attended the meeting. The general theme of the Institute was "Peacetime Problems in Agriculture."

4-H Club members in the county are planning to attend camp next week at Powell's Fort Valley. Forty-one members representing all clubs have registered to date.

#### 4. Leadership -

The organization leaders or club officers are one of the most important types of leaders. The success of a club depends largely on the officers. There are 36 organization leaders. These leaders are trained at the county committee meeting and have a copy of the handbook to use as a guide. They conduct the business session, invite new members, take information to non club members and assist with county wide activities.

There are 66 project leaders who gave demonstrations and assisted the agent. 21 demonstrations were given in the absence of the agent and the leaders assisted with 17 others. 10 leader training meetings were held with an attendance of 82. Seven of the meetings were held by specialists. There are 10 poultry and 10 garden leaders who attended training meetings and in turn gave timely information at each club meeting.

There were 10 Federation Goal chairmen or Rural Youth chairmen. These leaders attended the spring meeting of the county committee to receive training in addition to monthly suggestions by county chairman. One club meeting was devoted to the Federation Goal and the chairman had charge of it. Each Rural Youth chairman worked on the community recreational activities and assisted with 4-H work.

#### B. Other Means of Reaching People -

The community - neighborhood leaders are one means of reaching more people. They do not function as an organization in Fauquier County but as individuals. They are very helpful in contacting farm people in any type of campaign or survey. They are also helpful in getting new and unorganized groups together for meetings.

A large number of non club members are reached through the newspaper. The agent has a column in two weekly issues of the county paper each month. Timely information, recipes are included as well as club news.

The agent during the year attended meetings of P. T. A., Business Girls Circle, Ruritan and Lions Clubs and spoke on the Home

Demonstration program. Many new people were contacted in this manner and one new club formed as a result.

- Additional people are reached by office calls and home visits.
- The home visit is one of the most effective means of reaching people but the number of visits possible is limited due to the many other duties of an agent.

Additional people were reached this year by cooperating with the ministers and churches especially during National 4-H and Home Demonstration Week and other special occasions.

V. Work with youth -

A. 4-H Clubs

1. Organization

a. County Council

The County 4-H Council held two meetings during the year. The council is made up of the officers of each 4-H club. The All Stars and leaders are urged to attend meetings. Club goals were set up and a plan of work made at the fall meeting. At the spring meeting each club checked accomplishments and planned the summer activities including the county dairy show, club camp, county 4-H picnic and contests. The council enables the clubs to work more closely together.

2. Project Work -

a. How was program determined?

The 4-H club members discussed their projects for the coming year at the late summer and early fall meetings. The agent named the winter and summer projects and the requirements of each. After each club member had selected her project the agent discussed the projects with the leaders and completed the monthly program. The members were divided into small groups for their project work as most of their regular meetings were held in school.

b. Subject Matter Fields in Which Work Was Carried -

In spite of the fact that the agent tried to guide the

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## 4-H Dairy Show Best in Years, Judge States August 20, 1947 County to Enter Top Competition In District Event

Fauquier's fifth annual 4-H Dairy Show, held Saturday at the Eastern Breeder Sales Pavilion, won high praise from Judge John W. Foster, assistant dairy husbandman at V. P. I. and uncovered a number of likely contenders for top awards in the Northern Virginia District Dairy Show, to be held here September 20.

Mr. Foster, who placed the 35 purebred animals under the modified Danish system of judging, commented after the exhibition that it was the "best county dairy show I've judged in years."

### District Show Contenders

Assistant County Agent Lem Sutphin congratulated each club member on the commendable job in fitting and exhibiting animals, and said he was highly pleased with the show.

Animals exhibited, he said, were of uniformly high calibre, and should capture some of the top prizes at the district show. About 30 of the animals shown have been entered for the district show, and Mr. Sutphin anticipated that the local 4-H members would triumph over stiff competition to take awards in a number of events.

Besides Fauquier, club members from Culpeper, Orange, Madison, Spotsylvania, Caroline and Greene Counties will participate in the district exhibition.

### Championships Awarded

Four dairy breeds were shown, with junior, senior, reserve and grand championships awarded for each. In the Guernsey division, John Groves won the senior and grand championship titles with his cow, receiving a silver cup for the top award. Elwood Wines' junior calf took junior and reserve champion honors.

Miss Janice R. Neale won the grand champion's cup and senior champion title in the Holstein

division with OSK Allrite Netherlands, and junior and reserve honors were taken by Jimmy Eustace's Curles Butler Alice, a senior calf.

The Crittenden family walked off with Jersey honors, as Donald Crittenden took junior and grand championships with Bassett Farm Prince's Pride, and Robert Crittenden won reserve championship with Royal Fay of Derby Neck.

Carl Nalls swept the Milking Shorthorn division, winning junior and grand championship awards with his junior yearling heifer Gift Rose.

Only one bull was shown, a Brown Swiss entered by James W. Miller of Calverton, who was awarded a blue. The Holstein cow and daughter pair entered by M. B. Ott, Jr., also won a blue.

Senior showmanship honors were captured by Luther Day, and M. B. Ott, Jr., triumphed in the senior Siting, each receiving a \$5 prize. Donald Crittenden won the junior showmanship event, and H. F. Wilson, Jr., the junior fitting class. Their prizes were blankets.

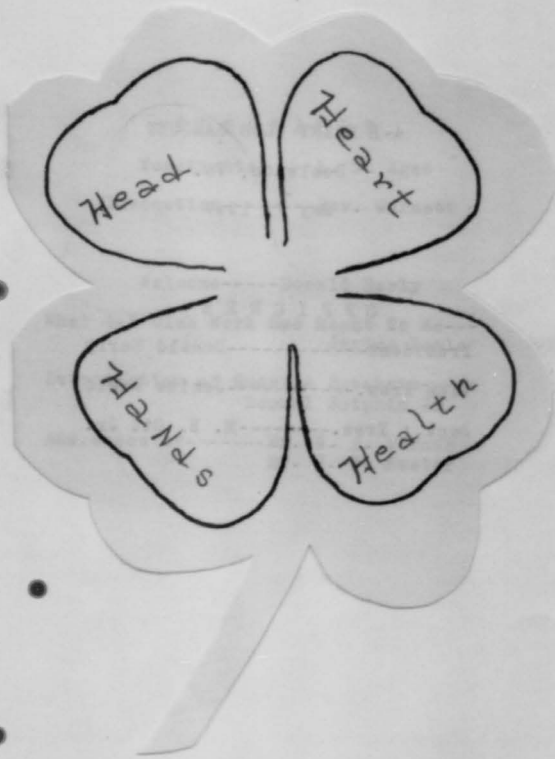
Other placings were:

Guernseys: Junior calves, blue, Charles Rankin; white, Franklin Elwood Wines; senior calves, red, Early; junior yearling heifers, blue, Donald F. Early; red, Sammy Butler; cow, two years and under three, blue, John Groves.

Holsteins: Senior yearling heifers, blue, H. F. Wilson, Jr., red, Joseph Hopkins, M. B. Ott, Jr.; cow, two years and under three blue, Janice R. Neale, red, Billy Russell, M. B. Ott, Jr.; white, James C. Miller, M. B. Ott, Jr.; cow, three to five years, blue, M. B. Ott, Jr.; red, M. B. Ott, Jr.; cow, five years and old, red, M. B. Ott, Jr.; cow and daughter pair, M. B. Ott, Jr.

Jerseys: Senior calves: Blue, Donald Crittenden, first; Robert Crittenden, second; junior yearling heifers, blue, Paul Cabbage; senior yearling heifers, red, Howell Lewis.

Milking Shorthorns: Junior Yearling heifers: blue, Carl Nalls; red, Eleanor Grohs, Luther Day; senior yearling heifer, red, Luther Day; junior calf, blue, Lucy Grohs.



members to select projects they needed to learn some members chose the topic they liked to do best.

Most members worked on Housekeeping or Care of Clothing during the winter because they were the most practical projects for groups meeting in the school. Older members in clubs meeting at night chose Clothing Construction and Food Preparation.

Canning and Food Preparation were the most popular summer projects. Poultry and Dairy animals were cared by a few.

c. Project Work -

1. Food Preparation-

45 girls enrolled in this project with 28 completing. 836 dishes of food were prepared. The project instruction was given in small groups and representatives of home demonstration clubs assisted. A specialist trained the leaders. Members taking food projects in the Bealeton club assisted members of the Home Demonstration Club with preparing and serving the Dairy club banquet and the lunch at the Dairy Show.

2. Clothing -

70 members were enrolled in Care of Clothing and Clothing Construction problems. 51 completed their projects. 52 new garments were made, costing only \$43.84. Many of the girls made skirts, shorts or pajamas out of feed bags making the cost very low. 30 garments were remodeled. The plans and preliminary work for this project was done at the regular meetings. Special group meetings were held for the actual construction work.

3. Housekeeping -

20 members were enrolled in the housekeeping project with 11 completing. Most of this instruction was given at the regular club meeting. Each girl completing, cared for a room for 3 months. 10 members rearranged their rooms, 4 renovated curtains, 2 lengthened sheets, 11 made table mats, 11 washed dishes, 11 set table, 3 mended linens, and 4 brought in fuel.

4. Room Improvement -

6 members worked on the room improvement project with 2 complet-

## 4-H Dairy Show Champions

August 28, 1947



PHOTO BY C. I. GARRETT

Breed champions at the Fauquier 4-H Club Dairy Show held here last Saturday. From left, Donald Crittenden, Calverton, Jersey; Carl Nalls, Marshall, Milking Shorthorn; John Groves, Bealeton, Guernsey; Janice R. Neale, Bealeton, Holstein.

## Judging at 4-H Dairy Show

August 28, 1947



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John W. Foster, assistant dairy husbandman, V. P. I., center foreground, judges the fitting class at the 4-H Club Dairy Show Saturday at Warrenton.

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ing. 2 rooms were improved and rearranged and 5 articles made for the rooms.

5. Food Preservation -

24 girls enrolled in the project with 14 completing. Most of this instruction was given by Home Demonstration Club members. 860 quarts of fruit and vegetables were canned alone and members assisted with 520 additional quarts.

6. Poultry -

Three girls having projects in poultry were supervised by home agent. 2 of the members completed. The members had 350 birds and a total profit of \$695.55. Most of the profit came from the selling of eggs during the year.

3. Other Activities -

Each club sponsored at least one money making activity during the year.

A county 4-H picnic was held for the first time this year. The Council felt the members in the county needed to become more acquainted. Approximately 75 members attended and several parents. Contests were held and softball games between clubs.

31 club members and 5 leaders attended 4-H camp at Powells Fort Valley. Four Members attended the State Short Course in Blacksburg.

Each club assisted with both the county and district dairy show. The members helped sell adds for the program and with the lunch at both shows.

4. Leadership -

4-H Leadership improved during 1947 but there is still a need for more leaders and leadership. There are 10 project leaders and two sponsors. 3 training meetings were held with an attendance of 26. The leaders did quite a bit of project work and were helpful in planning the Dairy Shows and county picnic.

There are 36 club officers of organization leaders who take full charge of the business of the clubs. They are trained by agents and

Article from The Fauquier  
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### 4-H Club Picnic Saturday Voted Success By 75

A full program of athletic events and contests combined with perfect weather to make the annual 4-H Club picnic last Saturday at Phipps' Polo Field a resounding success.

About 75 members were present, with Miss Francøe Ream, Home Demonstration agent, and Lem Sutphin, Assistant County Agent, directing activities.

Swimming, softball and contests highlighted the day's events. A contest for the prettiest girl and for the handsomest boy created great interest. In the girls' division, judged by Mrs. L. C. Russell, Mrs. Eppa Wince and R. Mason Carter, Miss Annie Ott of Remington won the crown, while Buddy Russell was chosen the handsomest by Mr. Carter, Mrs. Wince and Mr. Sutphin.

Bealeton 4-H Clubbers defeated all comers on the softball field, winning over Remington 7-6 and trouncing Marshall 3-1.

Swimming in Goose Creek and several hilarious stunts completed the program.

leaders at club meetings and council meetings.

VI. Work Done in Cooperation With Other Agencies

1. County Home Economics Workers -

The home agent worked with the home economics teachers who supervised canning centers and school lunch programs. The Home Demonstration clubs assisted with both programs. Whenever Extension Specialists were in county all home economics workers were invited to the meeting.

2. Rural Electrification Program -

The agent assisted families in contacting the electric companies and with educational material on wiring, lighting and selection of electrical equipment, 26 club members secured electricity for the first time this year.

3. School Lunch Program -

The home agent works with all teachers in charge of lunch rooms. The home demonstration clubs canned for the lunch room and also contributed financially.

4. Red Cross -

The agent worked with the Red Cross in Nutrition work, distributing sewing and knitting projects and during the Red Cross Drives.

5. Clothing and Food Collection -

All clubs assisted with the various collection programs. One club devoted a program to making articles out of feed bags to be sent to C. A. R. E. Canned food was collected at one meeting during the year.

VII. Evaluation of the 1947 Home Demonstration Program -

One of the most outstanding developments in the program in 1947 was the increased leadership and the willingness of members to accept responsibilities. Until this year the problem of club and county elections has been a difficult one. This year no member asked to take an office refused. The members are more interested in their club work and seemed to feel it an honor to be chosen an officer or leader. More Demonstrations were given in the absence of the agent, two clubs giving four, two above

the county goal. Some progress was made in securing adults for 4-H leadership.

More women attended the District and State Meetings of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. These Meetings were most helpful in making the women see the value of the work in State and Nation as well as locally.

The club members entered more wholeheartedly into the discussions on program planning this year. More work in Food and Nutrition was requested than in previous years. They were more interested in planning the 1948 program and did not have the attitude, "you plan it and it will suit us," that some members had in previous years. The 1948 program should prove a more satisfying program as a result.

The agent feels she can depend more on the members to carry on in 1948 and devote more of her time to expanding the program.

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