

CONTINUING
SOUTHAMPTON
COUNTY

leather-craft and other projects learned when the various projects are being conducted.

YOUNG WOMEN'S WORK

Work with young women was done on individual and group basis. One club was organized in Sebrell community with an enrollment of nineteen members. Information and materials have been given to them through demonstrations, discussions, and written material. Plans are being made for a wider spread of clubs and program of work to meet their needs.

<u>VIII. SCOPE OF WORK</u>	1948	1949	1950	1951
No. H. D. Clubs or Groups	6	6	7	7
Membership	86	98	107	151
No. 4-H Clubs	12	12	12	12
Membership	181	209	269	270
No. YMW Groups	0	0	0	1
Membership	0	0	0	19
No. of other families reached		330	302	356
Total No. families reached		483	774	507

COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

County organizations play an important role in Extension work in Southampton County. They are planned to act as guides for Home Demonstration, 4-H and community programs conducted in the county.

There is a County Advisory Board consisting of 36 families, organized to plan and evaluate the over-all extension program. Although the State Advisory Board met in this county, two delegates were sent as representatives--Mr. T. B. McClenny and Mrs. Wardell Joe. These delegates will make their report in the first meeting of the year.

During this two-day stay in the county in which the Advisory Board found homes for 153 men and women, practically every community in the county was used. Both men and women brought food while the women donned their aprons and served. It is true that this is a customary process in a county each year, but no better cooperation could be found in any other county. Committees were used for Food and Housing and the whole of Southampton County revolved around them.

A tour of the farm and home was conducted on the afternoon of September 12. The tour took place on the farms of Mr. & Mrs. T. B. McClenny, Wakefield, and Mr. & Mrs. G. P. McClenny, Zuni. Both homes were open to the delegates so that modern conveniences and a remodeled home could be displayed. Room accessories, walls, the bed-room and other project work was the center of interest.

Because of this meeting which required a great deal of preparation, all extra plans for an Advisory Board Community project were dropped. These plans will be renewed in 1952.

The County Home Demonstration Committee consisting of representatives of the organized adult clubs and with 4-H representation, meets twice a year, April and September. The Planning Committee, consisting of club officers and leaders meets with the Home Demonstration Committee in September to make plans for the coming year's program of work.

The County Home Demonstration Committee is a part of the District Home Demonstration Committee in that it sends the quota of delegates as representatives from the county each year. Four delegates were sent to the 1951 May meeting. Mrs. Wardell Joe and Mrs. Saratoga Brown were made Secretary and placed on the Housing Committee respectively in the 1950 meeting. The 1951 District Home Demonstration Committee meeting was held in Franklin, Virginia and was entertained and served by the Southampton County Home Demonstration Committee. Ten counties with five women and the District agents were present.

A beginning was made for a 4-H Planning meeting. Four of the five advisors helped make up the fifteen members present. The 1952 program calendar was made and other county-wide activities were planned. It was through the Planning Committee that work was started for an evaluation program through individual club exhibits and the judged work placed on Tide Water Fair.

The 4-H Council has been reorganized and five members from the Advisory Board appointed to serve as advisors to the Council. They are: Mrs. Mildred McClenny, Mrs. Lola Brown, Mr. J. B. Parker, Mr. T. B. McClenny and Mr. Donald Bowers. Most of these members volunteered their service when appointments were open. The 4-H Council sponsored the 4-H picnic with Mr. T. B. McClenny and agents conducting it.

On Saturday, August 11, the 4-H Council, with the help of a local meat company and patrons, sponsored its second 4-H picnic at Wyche's Playgroung, Zuni, Virginia. The picnic was under the supervision of the farm and home agents and headed by Mr. T. B. McClenny. Six other adult leaders participated with the program by giving demonstrations, assisting with games and dances and leading songs. Approximately 186 parents and children were present.

The picnic was planned by the Council as a recreational outlet where club members could meet other club members from different sections of the county.

While preparations were being made for the State Advisory Board meeting in the county, all Agricultural and Home Economics workers were called together for a meeting with the farm and home agent. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the workers in the county with the meeting that was to take place and ask their assistance in helping promote the program. The group organized and planned a "Get-acquainted" social on the night of the first meeting. This was to enable the county professional workers to meet the farm and home agents in other counties. This organized group has not been named yet, but will probably be called Agricultural Professional Worker's Council. Its purpose will be to discuss and exchange problems concerning the county and its people, and to prevent an overlapping of program among county workers.

LEADERSHIP

ORGANIZATIONAL

These leaders have given their volunteer service to aid the progress of their clubs. Through them the clubs have reached decisions, made plans, conducted

programs and helped in every way to spread the news of Extension work, thereby, reaching more people with Extension methods.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Without the program development leaders to study the county situation, the project work during the year would have lagged. These leaders have helped the agent in discovering the needs and planning ways and methods of helping families to overcome them.

SUBJECT MATTER

The subject matter leaders have been very useful in that they have given their assistance during club meetings by helping the agent give demonstrations to the groups and conducting them in the absence of the agent. They also have helped in collecting information needed by the agent for office reports. They have helped in every capacity with county-wide activities and community programs.

Leader-training meetings have been very useful in that it teaches a lesson and urges club members to reach other people with Extension work. At times, non-club members are asked to attend leader-training meetings such as the Lamp shade Clinic, deep-freeze

demonstrations, sewing machine cleaning and adjustment clinic, and bed-remaking clinic.

Growth of H.D. Club Project Leadership '48 '49 '50 '51

No. Project leaders and goal chairmen	8	8	16	26
No. training meetings held by Specialists Agent	5	2	1	5
Attendance at all training meetings	49	16	12	52
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	18	12	10	24
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	9	20	54	50

Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership '48 '49 '50 '51

No. adult project leaders	12	12	12	12
No. junior project leaders	0	0	12	24
No. training meetings held by specialist Agent	4	1	1	4
Attendance at leader training meeting	30	10	5	13
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	6	10	12	24
No. club meetings held by leader without agent present	12	11	16	17
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	5	11	20	95
No. demonstrations given by Leaders by adult	9	5	7	10
by junior	1	1	5	7

HUMAN INTEREST STORY OF LEADER

Mrs. Jennie Wynn, 4-H adult leader for the Adams Grove 4-H club has been a leader for three years. Mrs. Wynn was asked by the children to be their club mother, and being the type of woman she is, she accepted the offer, and has been a true "club mother" every since. Mrs. Wynn has one boy who is a member of the same club and a host of girls who live near her and demand her help for the projects.

During the clothing project for girls this past year, Mrs. Wynn and her partner, Mrs. Mills, were trained in a group and individually. Due to the fact that so many of the of county activities for the agent were placed on the first Thursday in the month, their meeting day, Mrs. Wynn came to the rescue and carried the club meetings on. Reports came to me from the school teacher and children that many night meetings in the school and at her home had been conducted so that the girls' work would be completed. As a result, fourteen out of the twenty-two girls completed their projects, displayed a wonderful club exhibit, and won six first, second, and third place ribbons at the Tide Water Fair.

In 1950 Mrs. Wynn was asked to respond as adult leader for the 4-H State Short Course and accepted graciously. Her reports to the Advisory Board and club members were very interesting and inspiring.

National 4-H Week and Rural Life Sunday are always celebrated by the Adams Grove Club and is chiefly assisted by Mrs. Wynn, Mrs. Mills, and the club school teacher, Miss Elma Willis, who has given more than her much needed time to the progress of the 4-H club.

Since Mrs. Wynn was unable to be present at the exhibit, recognition of a pin for three years of service and a small gift will be presented to both Mrs. Wynn and Mrs. Mills for their wonderful service given the 4-H girls.

WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES.

Cooperation has been given to other organizations by helping with programs, drives, panels for P. T. A., discussion groups with the veterans and their classes, working with the county and local doctors, and the county nurse. Written material, ideas and demonstrational materials have been exchanged with the Home Economics and agricultural teachers and their assistance used in giving demonstrations.

STATEMENT

To look at the scope of work chart for the county, one would think that Home Demonstration work in this county is at a standstill. For the number of clubs, it is. But, reorganization in the field came from a low point and is gradually, but surely creeping upward in every community where there are Home Demonstration and 4-H clubs. Not only is the interest growing in those communities but slowly it is being seen and heard of in other communities. Restoring the clubs on hand and reaching the people in range for the clubs have been my greatest interest in the county these two years. I feel that other communities can more nearly be ready for Extension work once it is "blooming" in the community adjoining them. In my own program for 1952, spreading Extension Home Demonstration and 4-H Clubs to other communities is my major interest for I wholeheartedly feel that the club communities have advanced to the extent that some attention can be removed from them and be placed on other communities. Older communities will be left more and more in the hands of the leaders.

There are now three home deep freezers, four other people using the freezer locker, telephones in two communities, approximately three-fourths percent of the 151 homes have complete screening, approximately one-fourth percent with running water. Complete electric light systems in every community except one and in a few cases, unfortunately, five televisions. All except one home with televisions have hot and cold running water, refrigeration, electric lights, and other major conveniences. Let us say, then, that Extension service has improved the minds and homes of the people of this county.