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HENRY COUNTY

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LOCAL HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

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COUNTY SITUATION AS IT AFFECTED THE 1954 PROGRAM

Henry County is located in the mountainous section of southwest Virginia. The chief industry is manufacturing.

According to statistics as presented in the 1950 census of agriculture, there were three hundred forty-nine (349) farm families living in the county. This small number of farm families and the continual decrease in the number of farm families maybe attributed in some instances to the large number of manufacturing concerns in the county. Many of the home makers work outside the home to help supplement the family's income.

This brings about a necessity for holding meetings at night in order to reach more people.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE 1954 PROGRAM TO BETTER LIVING

During the year 1954, the extension program has made some contributions to better home and family living in the county.

It was felt by the Home Demonstration and the 4-H Planning Committees that further information and assistance with foods, clothing and home garden problems would help to meet the needs of club members and the county as a whole. Through participation in these activities it is concluded that members are better able to plan and prepare nutritious meals, decrease the cost of the family's food by using low cost recipes, have a better sense of good taste in dress, have developed a better sense of responsibility, a feeling of pride and confidence in individual, club and family accomplishments.

ADULT WORK

A. PROJECT WORK

1. Sewing to meet the Family's Needs

Objectives:

- (1) To encourage members to study the clothing needs of family members and to plan what to buy before buying.
- (2) To develop a sense of good taste in clothing as to color line and accessories as suited to individual and to the occasion.
- (3) To make the public more aware of our clothing activities and accomplishments.

METHODS AND RESULTS

A leader training meeting was held at the beginning of the project. The training was given by I. E. Johnson, Extension Clothing Specialist. Four additional training meetings were held by the agent. During these meetings emphasis was placed on the basic dress, color and line for the individual, family clothing needs, fabric selection, and family expenditures for clothing.

Instructions and assistance were given on laying the pattern, cutting, marking, covering buttons, buckles and belts.

As a result of the clothing activities twenty-five members reported three hundred twenty-four (324) completed articles and garments. These included adult and children dresses, slips, aprons, panties, boy's shirts, house coats, skirts, blouses, dusters, hats, pot holders, dish towels, window curtains and bed spreads.

Members are proved of their accomplishments, in this project. Many of them have indicated that as a result of participating in this project, they now have a large number of items that were actually needed by family members.

Thirteen leaders and the agent assisted club members in carrying out this project. Approximately three hundred families received information and assistance with clothing problems.

At the end of this project, a fashion show was held at which time many of the garments made were presented. Both 4-H and home demonstration club members participated.

1. Meal Planning and Preparation

Objectives:

- (1) To gain a better understanding of foods in relation to health and to encourage the use of this knowledge in the planning and preparation of meals for the family.
- (2) To learn more about the preparation of low cost meals.
- (3) To encourage the use of low cost recipes by which the family's food cost can be reduced.
- (4) To encourage pride in the appearance of meals.
- (5) To show the importance of planning meals before preparing them.

METHODS AND RESULTS

Discussions were held in each club at which time members discussed various food problems. After these discussions, the meal planning activities were begun. These were based on the basic 7 food groups. In the meeting members planned meals for one day. Members along with the agent checked these meals by the basic 7 food chart. Along with the planning, the value of different foods were discussed. This was an attempt to help members to understand and to use their knowledge of the nutritive values of foods in planning and preparing meals for their

families.

Plans were made for demonstrations which included: one dish meals, yeast breads, cakes, pies, soups, salads, school lunches and table setting.

Members have pointed out that they have been able to save time, use left overs, save extra trips to the store and serve more nutritious meals by planning meals ahead. Members appear to be more conscious of the appearance of their table and their methods of serving.

Fourteen leaders and the agent assisted club members in carrying out these activities.

3. Home Garden

Objectives:

- (1) To help reduce the cost of the family's foods by growing some vegetables at home.
- (2) To supply fresh vegetables for family use.

METHODS AND RESULTS

Groups interested in this project discussed the importance of having a home garden. It was pointed out by members that from their own experiences they had found that a home garden was helpful to their families both from a standpoint of health and economics. Samples of garden products were brought to one group meeting by a club member who was particularly interested in improving her garden and in food preservation. These samples were divided among the members. At the end of our year questionnaires were sent out. To date only twenty-five have been returned. Of these twenty-five, twenty reported having summer gardens. Eight reported having winter gardens. A total of 2782 quarts of vegetables were reported and 2087 quarts of fruits. Eighty-nine quarts of canned meats.

Fifty-five quarts of frozen fruits. One hundred thirty pounds of frozen meats and 787 pounds of cured meats.

4. Rural Arts

This project was postponed to be included in the 1955 program.

B. HOME DEMONSTRATION COMMITTEE'S GOAL

Reaching More People is the goal set up by this committee. It was felt that if the program is to do the most good it is important that more people be reached and helped.

In order to reach our goal, membership committees have been set up in some clubs whose duty is to contact neighbors and encourage them to become members. In the Flat Rock Community two clubs, one 4-H and one home demonstration, were organized for the first time. Three county-wide activities were held during the year to which the public was invited.

C. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Recreation

Objectives:

- (1) To provide some form of recreation on a family and county bases.
- (2) To reach more people by providing an opportunity for non club members to meet and work with club members.

METHODS AND RESULTS

The recreation committee, which was made up of representatives from each home demonstration club, made plans for a county-wide picnic. Arrangements for transportation were made by the committee also. On July 31, one hundred twenty-five adults and children attended the picnic held at Crystal Lake. Three busses and one automobile were used for transportation.

2. Community Improvement Work

Objectives:

- (1) To encourage families to beautify their home surroundings and to improve family living conditions.
- (2) To make the community a more desirable place in which to live through the provision of healthy recreation for young and old and through cooperative efforts for the common good of the community.

METHODS AND RESULTS

A community club was organized in the Fieldale community in the month of July. The club has the usual roster of officers. The first project set up by the club was that of repairing an old building in the community to be used as a community center. The improvement of grounds and the securing of equipment will follow.

The group is now repairing the building and raising funds for equipment and further repairs. There are approximately fifty families living in the community.

3. County Fashion Show

Objectives:

- (1) To make the public more aware of the activities of the extension service.
- (2) To give members an opportunity to see and appraise the accomplishments of others.
- (3) To give members an opportunity to see his own contributions as a part of the total accomplishments.
- (4) To create a feeling of pride and confidence in one's own contributions and abilities.

Procedure

This activity included both 4-H and home demonstration club members. The opportunity to participate was presented to all members.

Due to weather conditions and other activities there were only about fifty persons in attendance.

4. County Supper and Social

This activity was postponed. It is hoped that this will be included in the 1955 program.

5. Other Agencies

In cooperation with the Tuberculosis Association, home demonstration club members made five pairs of pajamas for patients in the Piedmont Sanitarium.

4-H WORK

A. PROJECT WORK

1. So You'd Like to Sew and Make or Remake Your Clothing.

Objectives:

- (1) To learn how to do simple sewing and to make simple garments.
- (2) To develop the habit of keeping accurate records.
- (3) To encourage the desire to learn to perform useful activities.

Procedure

Discussions, demonstrations and printed materials were given out and used in each club. Leaders received training individually to give assistance to members. One hundred four members were enrolled in these two projects. Sixty-seven of these members completed their projects satisfactorily. Approximately three hundred (300) garments and articles were made. Several of these garments were modeled in our fashion show and some were exhibited at our Achievement Day Program.

2. Health

Objectives:

- (1) To make members more aware of the importance of good health.
- (2) To encourage the development of good health habits.
- (3) To improve the health of club and non club members.

Procedure

Information on health was given through discussions, demonstrations and printed materials. Talks and demonstrations were given by club members on information gained while working on the project.

There were one hundred twenty-two (122) members in this project. Seventy two completed.

3. Home Garden

Objectives:

- (1) To help supply fresh vegetables for family use.
- (2) To emphasize the value of a good home garden.
- (3) To encourage participation in worthwhile activities.

Procedure

Club members with the approval and assistance of their parents selected a garden spot. Printed materials and other information were given by the agent throughout the project. Samples of garden products were exhibited during the regular meeting in August in both the Graves Knob Club and the Chestnut Knob group of the Clarke School Club. Products were also exhibited at our Achievement Day Program. First second and third places were won by members on such products as fresh carrots, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes and corn. There were twenty-six boys enrolled. Approximately sixteen completed.

B. Other Activities

1. National 4-H Club Week

Objectives:

- (1) To check up on 4-H club records to determine progress of members.

Procedure:

Bring the week the agent and members check records of members. Also members gave reports on their progress.

2. 4-H Achievement Day

Objectives:

- (1) To bring to the attention of the public the results of some of the activities of 4-H and home demonstration club members.

- (2) To give members an opportunity to see the contributions of other members to the program.
- (3) To give members an opportunity to see his own work as a part of the total program.
- (4) To provide an opportunity for members to get an exchange of ideas.

Procedure

Members of both 4-H and home demonstration clubs exhibited garden products, articles and garments. These included, dresses, skirts, aprons, blouses, boys suits, scarfs, pillow cases, quilts, bed spreads, drape-ries, bedroom shoes, hats, and electrical service cards. Also canned fruits, vegetables, relishes and pickles. Fresh carrots, corn, potatoes, rolls, and one dish meals were also on exhibit.

The home economics teachers of the George Washington Carver High School served as judges. Blue, red, and white ribbons were given as awards.

Approximately seventy-five persons attended the program. In addition to these a large number of teachers and pupils of the school visited the exhibit prior to the program.

A home made radio, two copper trays and a hand painted picture were exhibited by Joshua Johnson who is a member of the Fieldale Community Club.

SCOPE OF WORK

TABLE I

Table I shows the scope of extension work in the county.

| | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. W. D. Clubs | 6 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| Membership | 75 | 96 | 123 | 123 | 109 |
| No. 4-H Clubs | 4 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 6 |
| Membership | 89 | 130 | 275 | 283 | 254 |
| No. other families reached | 187 | 302 | 240 | 195 | 200 |
| No. of different families reached | 536 | 540 | 555 | 450 | 500 |
| No. of Community Clubs | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Membership | - | 24 | 27 | 27 | 50 |

Functions of Organizations

A. County Advisory Board

The Advisory Board cooperates with the state extension service in seeking to improve agriculture and home economics among families in the county.

B. County Home Demonstration Committee

This committee studies the needs and interests of homemakers in the county and assist in planning a program of activities that will help to meet these needs.

C. County 4-H Council

The 4-H Council assist with planning the overall 4-H program for the year. It make plans for county-wide activities.

D. County 4-H Project Planning Committee

This committee plans the 4-H projects for the year. Representatives from the various clubs bring in suggestions. The program is made up from these suggestions.

C. Outstanding Leader and **TABLE II**

Mrs. Thelma Barber **GROWTH OF LEADERSHIP** - Outstanding leader in that she

serves as adult leader for the Groves Knob 4-H Club and as president of

H. N. Club Project Leadership 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954

| | | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|
| No. project leaders (subject matter) | 14 | 14 | 35 | 47 | 28 |
| No. goal leaders | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No. program development leaders | | | | | |
| No. result demonstrators | | | 10 | | 0 |
| No. Training Meeting by specialists | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| by district agent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| by agent | 27 | 26 | 21 | 9 | 6 |
| Attendance at all training meetings | 55 | 70 | 52 | 46 | 31 |
| No. Meeting leaders assisted | | | | | |
| No. Meeting without an agent | 4 | 49 | 93 | 36 | 10 |
| Demonstration by leaders | | | | | 17 |
| Talks and discussions by leaders | | | | | |
| Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership | | | | | |
| No. Club officers | | | | | 18 |
| No. adult project leaders | 4 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 4 |
| No result demonstrators | | | | | 0 |
| No. training meetings held by specialists | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| by agent | 24 | 16 | 14 | 4 | 0 |
| by district agent | | | | | 0 |
| by member club department | | | | | 0 |
| Attendance at leader training meetings | 35 | 53 | 30 | 19 | 0 |
| No. 4-H Leaders trained individually | 4 | 10 | 15 | 7 | 16 |
| No. meetings held by leaders without agent present | 5 | 28 | 63 | 37 | 3 |
| No. of additional club meetings leaders assisted | 37 | 67 | 48 | 25 | 18 |
| No. demonstrations given by adult leaders | 0 | 20 | 15 | 20 | 10 |
| junior leaders. | | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 |

C. Outstanding Leader and Accomplishments

Mrs. Thelma Harbour is the most outstanding leader in that she serves us adult leader for the Graves Knob 4-H Club and as president of the Graves Knob Home Demonstration Club.

Mrs. Harbour has attended 4-H meeting at the school and has worked with club meetings and individual club members during the summer. She has spent much time trying to encourage the women of her community to participate in the extension program. On meeting days, she transports members to and from meetings. As a result of her work with 4-H members, there was a larger per cent of project completions in the Graves Knob Club than in any other club in the county.

D. Outstanding Club and Its Accomplishments

The Marrow Bone Home Demonstration Club is considered the most outstanding from the standpoint of the cooperation of members and their participation in the program.

This club had the largest number of persons attending the county picnic, the largest number of persons participating in the fashion show, exhibited the largest number of articles and garments on the achievement Day program and won the largest number of awards. The Marrow Bone Club is always represented at County-wide meetings. It has not called off or postponed a meeting during the year.

Sewing to meet the family's needs was the first project carried out this year. At the beginning of the project, the club planned that each member would bring in a completed article or garment to each meeting. If the need for the article or garment was not apparent to the group, the members presenting it gave reasons why it was needed. Members who did not bring in the required work was fined ten cents.

Club members indicated that they enjoyed the project because it caused them to provide a large number of things that were needed by their families which they would not have provided had they not participated in the project.

The Marrow Bone Club has fifteen members.

AN APPRASIAL OF THE YEAR'S WORK

On looking at the 1954 program as a whole, it is evident that some progress was made. Members and non members have become more aware of their real needs and are learning better ways of meeting these needs.

Some club members are more cooperative, more self-reliant, have developed a greater sense of responsibility and a willingness to seek help and advice that will help in some way to prevent and solve their personal and family problems. Members are more aware of the importance of being good citizens. They have developed an interest in art and leisure time activities. Participation in the program provided opportunities for both 4-H and home demonstration club members that they had never experienced before.

In conclusion, it is believed that the people of the county are more aware of the importance of the extension program. The fact that, more and more, they are seeking help through the extension program indicates that there is a felt need and that they feel that this need can be met through the extension program.

1954 Plan of Work
Henry County
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1. County Situation Considered in Working Out the 1954 Program

We, the people, participating in extension work in Henry County, are looking forward to our biggest and best year of work in the county. In order to make this our best year, it was necessary that we take an over-all view of the people of the county, to find some of the real needs, interests, conditions and feelings of the people and to use these findings in planning a program that would help to meet these needs.

There are a number of situations in the county that had to be considered in planning our program. Among these situations are; the rapid decrease in the number of farm families, the rapid increase in the growth of manufacturing industries, the increasing demand for more employees in manufacturing industries and the high cost of living.

As a result of these conditions more and more women are employed outside of the home to supplement the family's income. This leaves very little time for housework and for taking care of the family's needs. The Home Demonstration Planning Committee along with the agent felt that much could be contributed to home and family living by working on some phases of homemaking that would help club members and non club members find better, faster and more economical ways of doing some of the everyday tasks in home and living.

11. Expected Contributions of the Program to Home and Family Living in 1954

Among the contributions which we expect the 1954 program to make are: (1) to decrease the cost of living by helping the family to learn more economical ways of doing things; (2) to improve family relationship through cooperation and working together on family problems; (3) to help develop a better sense of responsibility as an individual and as a member of the family and society; (4) To develop within the individual and family a feeling of confidence and pride in one's own abilities and accomplishments.

We feel that our program can be used advantageously in increasing extension influences in the county through sincere efforts of members to complete projects started, to use the information gained through the extension service in their home and family life and by making the public more aware of the activities and accomplishments of members.

111. The 1954 Program as Planned

A. Adult

1. Sewing to Meet the Family's Needs

Objectives:

1. To encourage members to study the clothing needs of family members and plan what to buy before buying.
2. To develop sense of good taste in clothing as to color and accessories as suited to individual and on the occasion.
3. To make the public more aware of our clothing activities and accomplishments.

Procedure

At the beginning of the project, discussion meetings will be held in each club with emphasis on clothing needs and plans will be made as to what each member will make. A leader training meeting will be held by a clothing specialist to train leaders for each club. Additional training and assistance will be given by the agent. Trained leaders along with the agent will work with clubs throughout the project. Charts, sample, discussions and printed materials will be used as teaching aids. At the close of the project, a fashion show will be given at which time the garments will be modeled. The public will be invited to attend the show.

2. Meal Planning and Preparation

Objectives:

1. To gain a better understanding of foods in relation to health, and to encourage the use of this knowledge in the planning and preparation of meals for the family.
2. To learn more about the preparation of low cost meals and dishes.
3. To encourage the use of low cost recipes by which the family's food cost can be reduced.
4. To encourage pride in the appearance of meals.
5. To show the importance of planning meals before preparing them.

Procedure

Discussion meetings will be held in each club. Training meetings will be held for leaders. The attendance of these meetings will include food leaders and other interested persons from each club. Charts and printed materials will be used as teaching aids. Actual preparation of meals will be carried on when possible.

3. Home Garden

Objective:

1. To supply fresh vegetables for family use.
2. To help reduce the cost of the family's food.

Procedure

Groups who are interested in this project will have discussions on the advantages of having home gardens. Information on planting, growing, storing and preserving the product will be given. Products from these gardens will be exhibited.

4. Tray Decoration

1. To develop the desire to make worthy use of leisure time.

Procedure

Discussions, demonstrations and other assistance will be given to all clubs interested in this activity.

B. 4-H Work

1. So You'd Like to Sew and Make or Remake Your Clothing

Objectives

1. To learn how to do simple sewing and make simple garments.
2. To develop the habit of keeping accurate records.
3. To encourage the desire to learn to perform useful activities.

Procedure

Discussions, demonstrations and printed material will be used along with practical applications in each club. Leaders will be train to give assistance along with, and in the absence of the agent. Completed articles and garments will be exhibited.

2. Health

Objectives:

1. To make members more aware of the importance of good health.
2. To encourage the development of good health habits.
3. To improve the health of club and non club members.

Procedure

Information on health will be given through discussions, demonstrations and printed materials. Members will give talks and demonstrations on information gained while working on this project.

3. Home Garden

Objectives:

1. To help supply fresh vegetables for family use.
2. To emphasize the value of a good home garden.
3. To encourage participation in worth while activities.

Procedure

Club members, with the approval and assistance of their parents and the agent will select a garden spot. Information and assistance will be given throughout the project. Records of cost, and products grown will be exhibited.

IV. Other Activities

A. Adult

The activities listed below will be included in our program for 1954.

1. County Fashion Show
2. Achievement Day for 4-H and Home Demonstration Clubs
3. County supper and social
4. County tour or picnic

Objectives:

1. To make the public more aware of the activities of the extension service.
2. To provide some means of family recreation.
3. To give members an opportunity to see and appraise the accomplishments of others.
4. To give members an opportunity to see his own contributions as a part of the total accomplishments.
5. To create a feeling of pride and confidence in one's own contributions and abilities.

Procedure

Planning meetings will be held for the purpose of making plans for each of the activities listed above. The planning committee will consist of member of 4-H and Home Demonstration Clubs.

B. 4-H Clubs

During the year 1954, the 4-H clubs will participate in the following activities:

1. National 4-H Club Week

During this week, the agent, club leaders and club members will work together to check up on the progress of members.

2. Rural Life Sunday

Plans will be made with the ministers in various communities, whenever possible, to have special emphasis placed on 4-H work on this Sunday.

3. 4-H Achievement Day

The 4-H planning committee will make plans for a special program and exhibit at which time garments, articles and products made and grown by members will exhibited.

V. Scope of Work

A. Organization

| | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. Home Demonstration Clubs | 6 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Membership | 73 | 96 | 133 | 133 | 150 |
| No. of 4-H Clubs | 4 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 6 |
| Membership | 89 | 130 | 275 | 283 | 283 |
| No. Young men and women's clubs | - | - | - | - | - |
| Membership | - | - | - | - | - |
| Community Improvement Clubs | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Membership | - | 24 | 27 | 27 | 37 |
| Other Organizations | - | - | - | - | - |

B.

| | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| No. families reached through home demonstration clubs | 536 | 540 | 550 | 450 | 300 |
| 4-H Clubs | 88 | 185 | 245 | | 200 |
| Young adult clubs | - | - | - | - | - |
| Special interest groups | - | 88 | 75 | - | - |
| Result Demonstrations | | 66 | 145 | 138 | 150 |
| Home visits | 160 | 172 | 202 | 255 | 300 |
| Contacts by club members | 60 | 75 | 120 | | 800 |
| Other newspaper, radio, county meetings, etc. | 187 | 200 | 325 | - | 500 |
| Estimate number of different families reached by above means | 536 | 540 | 550 | 450 | 500 |

VI. Use of Various Organization

During the year 1954, the following organizations will assist in planning and executing the home demonstration and 4-H club programs in the county.

1. Home demonstration Committee

The Home Demonstration Committee will assist in planning the over-all program for club work and other activities carried on by the club during the year.

2. County Advisory Board

The Advisory Board will approve the plans of the Home Demonstration Committee, will make plans for programs by which funds will be raised for financial obligations of the home demonstration clubs, and elect and send delegates to the State Advisory Board Meetings.

3. County 4-H Council

This organization will assist in making plans for the over-all 4-H Program.

4. County 4-H Project Planning Committee

This committee will assist with the selection and planning of projects for the county.

VII. Plans for Leadership
 A. Home Demonstration

| | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. Project leaders | 16 | 14 | 35 | 47 | 50 |
| No. federation goal chairmans | - | - | - | - | - |
| No. program development leaders | 4 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| No. result demonstrations | 4 | 18 | 16 | 19 | 20 |
| No. of meetings at which leaders were trained by specialist | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| No. meetings at which leaders were trained by district agent | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Attendance at all meetings | 55 | 70 | 52 | 46 | 200 |
| No. meetings at which leaders were trained by agent | 27 | 26 | 21 | 9 | 10 |
| No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present | 4 | 49 | 93 | 36 | 20 |
| Total number of demonstrations given by leaders | 22 | 48 | 64 | 39 | 40 |
| Total number of talks or discussions by leaders | 2 | 20 | 59 | 57 | 80 |

Leaders for the 1954 program will be trained individually and in groups. There will be one training meeting for adults at which the training will be given by a clothing specialist. All other training will be given by the agent. There will be a total of eleven (11) training meetings. Trained leaders will be expected to assist the agent with the various subject matter activities of clubs and to work with clubs in the absence of the agent.

B. 4-H Clubs

| | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. 4-H Club officers | 20 | 39 | 38 | | 30 |
| No. Adult project leaders | 4 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| No. Junior project leaders | 4 | 5 | 9 | 20 | 12 |
| No. result demonstrator | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| No meetings at which leaders were trained by specialist | - | - | - | - | - |
| No. meetings at which leaders were trained by district agent | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| No meetings at which leaders were trained by agent | 24 | 16 | 14 | 4 | 6 |
| No. meetings at which leaders were trained by personnel in 4-H Department | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Attendance at leader training meetings | 35 | 53 | 30 | 19 | 72 |
| No. of 4-H leaders trained individually | 4 | 10 | 15 | 7 | 12 |
| No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present | 6 | 28 | 68 | 37 | 30 |
| No. of demonstrations given by adult leaders | 22 | 48 | 64 | 39 | 36 |
| No. of demonstrations given by junior leaders | - | - | - | 9 | 12 |

4-H Club leaders will be trained individually and in groups. These trained leaders will assist in carrying out the various club activities along with and in the absence of the agent. All leaders will be trained by the agent to assist with projects being carried by club members.

VIII. Difficult Problems

Our most difficult problems at present in 4-H work are as follows:

1. 4-H groups are too large to give individual assistance within the time allowed for meetings during school hours.
2. Lack of sufficient working equipment.

To avoid excessive interruption of the school program, we plan to divide our larger group according to grade level rather than project subject matter. With smaller groups we feel that much more can be accomplished since there will be time for more individual instruction and assistance.

At present, we have no plans for securing teaching equipment.

IX. Work With Other Agencies

To date, we have no plans for work with other agencies in the county.

X. Plans for Developing Public Relations

It is our aim to develop better public relations with the general public, co-workers and other professional workers in the county through informing them of the activities and accomplishments of the extension service in the county.

We plan to use exhibits and shows to which the public is invited. News articles will be used in some instances. Assistance will be given to other agencies for worthy causes. Services of other agencies will be obtained when possible.

XI. Plans for Recording Progr^es and Evaluating Programs for 1954

Statistical records of products and activities will be kept. Comparasions will be made with records of previous years to determine progress.

Evaluation of the program will be made through observation of attitudes of members, interest shown in the work, appearance of products and participation of the public and club members.

XII. Plans for Professional Improvement

1. Planned educational trip.
2. Professional Magazines.