

they are confused as to what is the best buy, so consumers are requesting check sheets of standards.

In spite of the fact that many club members are employed outside the home and are less active in Home Demonstration work, a new club -- HAPPY HOME -- has been added to the club rolls with 13 members.

The Throck Club is very small in number but has 3 active members who keep it going.

The educational level of the clubs has improved. Meetings are on a higher level. Apparently, this has come about because of the increased number of members with college degrees and work in the Home Economics field. The County Chairman, Mrs. Calvin Bass, is stimulating this progress.

Prince Edward is awakening to the fact they have 4-H Clubs -- with the opportunities they make available to the county's youth. The Agent pushed every means of publicity to get the 4-H story told. Organization of community 4-H Clubs is now in the making. The in-school Forestry Project was of little interest to some but very interesting to others. 4-H Project Leaders are needed. Some standard for selecting leaders needs to be considered in order to get the most desirable people in service.

To keep all clubs going, and increase the membership, the programs must be interesting and instructive. A regular mailing of timely information to non-club members is a method for getting Extension methods to the working homemakers. Meetings and programs worked out with organized groups is another idea that has been considered. For example: the Agent gave a talk on safety in the Home to the local Woman's Club, and has in the past been called on by them to give talks on color harmony in the home, and draperies.

C. Professional Improvement

1. Attended Freezing School held at Longwood College on January 23rd.
2. Attended District Communications School at Blackstone January 27, 28, 29.
3. Participated in slip-cover School conducted by Mrs. B. Smith of the Singer Company.
4. Attended Home Furnishings Workshop at High Point, North Carolina, in June.
5. Attended two-day training school at Farmville Singer Center conducted by Mrs. Byrd Manges, V.P.I. Clothing Specialist, and Mrs. Bernadette Smith of the Singer Company. Received training in how to present two 4-H sewing projects.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Prince Edward Home Demonstration Clubs had their achievement day in the form of a tea at Longwood College. Rice Club served the tea. Social Hour members were the hospitality committee on this occasion. Meherrin Club was recognized for its outstanding work for 1959. Reading certificates were presented to members and members were recognized as being in club work 25 years or longer. Former agents were invited. Approximately 100 were in attendance.

VII.

THE LOOK AHEAD

There is a marked improvement in leadership attitude and interest, over the beginning of the year. More people are taking part in meetings. Club publicity has improved with the appointment of Mrs. Lonnie McKay as County Publicity Chairman.

The Agent has received increasing numbers of requests for information and assistance to families, probably because more people are recognizing the value of scientific information and newer methods. Television has put so many products before the public that

lives on a dairy farm, and is outstanding in community and church activities. She practices Extension methods in directing her family's living and activities.

Outstanding Club

All clubs participate in the county activities and have worked on county goals. I do not feel that any one club can be pointed out as being an exceptional club.

The Happy Home Club has made an excellent beginning, in the six months it has been organized. Its members are young home-makers and they are using and evaluating club materials in their every-day living.

All clubs have improved in order of meetings, members' interest, attitudes and cooperation.

VI. A. For Special Consideration

No report other than what has been given.

B. Public Relations

1. Co-Workers

Meet once a week in office conferences to discuss Extension problems and plans. Notify secretary of daily schedule of work, so she can make her plans; share her with co-worker.

2. General Public

Have a genuine and sincere interest in all individuals.

3. Elected Representatives

Show a friendly understanding and cooperative attitude in dealing with all officials.

4. Commercial Interests

A definite understanding that the Extension Service cannot advertise but is in need of the resources of commercial firms, seems a sound basis for relationship.

5. Other Professional Workers

An interest in their service and programs is given when possible.

V.

Leadership

A.

Home Demonstration work in the county is directed through its Home Demonstration County Committee which has two regular meetings each year. Officers of the 10 clubs make up this committee. The Spring meeting was concerned with the program for 1960, in accordance with the recognized needs and desires of county members. County objectives were determined, the Federation Goal was agreed upon, and various committees appointed.

Federation Program of Work chairmen served in each club, under the direction of county chairman.

Program Development Leaders are appointed by each Home Demonstration Club president. The Agent works with them individually, and sends materials to make programs interesting and helpful.

As to Subject Matter Leaders, insofar as possible, each club sends two leaders to training meetings so that they can give demonstrations jointly or they can train other leaders who cannot attend the county training meetings.

B. Outstanding Leader

Mrs. Calvin Bass, of the Rice Home Demonstration Club, is an outstanding leader in Prince Edward's clubs. She is serving as County Chairman and is interested in 4-H work. Her quiet, dignified ways are a real example for the club members. She is most interested and enthusiastic for the educational features that will raise our county's standards. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Bass as our county chairman, especially when a calm, understanding, impartial guide is needed for the many social problems in our county. Mrs. Bass has three girls -- 10, 14, 22; one will be in 4-H work this fall. She

V.

LEADERSHIP

A. GROWTH

1. (see page 3, also page 20)

2. Home Demonstration Club Leadership

| | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Organizational leaders | 8 | 60 | 50 | 55 | 55 |
| Project Leaders (subject matter) | 71 | 59 | 49 | 59 | 40 |
| Fed. Prog. of Work Chairmen | 12 | 12 | 10 | 12 | 10 |
| Program Development Leaders | 12 | 12 | 10 | 12 | 10 |
| Result Demonstrators | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Training Meetings: Specialists | 9 | 11 | 6 | 10 | 11 |
| District Agt | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Agent | | | 1 | 4 | 12 |
| Others | | | | | 2 |
| Attendance at all tr. mtngs. | 139 | 154 | 109 | 120 | 183 |
| Meetings held without Agent | 16 | 53 | 15 | 30 | 38 |
| " with leaders assisting | 65 | 76 | 95 | 90 | " |
| Demonstrations by leaders | 81 | 60 | 70 | 75 | 71 |
| Talks ect. by leaders | 24 | 12 | 100 | 120 | 118 |

3. 4-H Club Leadership

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Club Officers | 52 | 52 | 72 | 91 | 60 |
| Adult Project Leaders | 4 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 4 |
| Junior " " | | | 5 | 8 | 8 |
| Training Meetings by Agent | | | | | 7 |
| " " Attendance | | | | | 23 |
| Leaders Trained Individually | 4 | | 7 | 6 | 8 |
| Club Meetings held w/out Agent | 14 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| " " with leaders asst. | | 30 | 10 | | |
| Demonstrations by adult leaders | | | 5 | | 4 |
| " " junior " | | | | 2 | 20 |

IV.

SCOPE OF WORK

| A. | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Home Demonstration Clubs | 12 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 10 |
| Membership | 226 | 212 | 168 | 185 | 186 |
| 4-H Clubs | 13 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 10 |
| Membership | 230 | 245 | 252 | 245 | 206 |
| Home Dem. County Com. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| General Interest Committees | | | | | 4 |
| Farm & Home Dev. Families | | | | 3 | 7 |
| Other Families | 110 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Different Families Reached | 346 | 422 | 400 | 400 | 400 |

B.

Weekly broadcasts have been made by the agent; Home Demonstration members as well as 4-H members have participated in radio programs. News articles and pictures on county activities have been carried by the local paper. Other means of publicizing Extension are window displays made during National 4-H Week and National Home Demonstration Week. A news letter from the Agent was sent frequently to each member, the purpose being to keep them well informed on extension news and thus shorten club meetings. A bulletin rack in the agent's office is often visited by non-club members and frequently specific bulletins and information are mailed upon request, both to non-members and members. A bulletin rack is also maintained in the Community Rest Room for the benefit of all visitors.

SHORT COURSE:

The county financed sending Lona Gilliam and Doyle Ray to 4-H Short Course in 1959. Rose Lamberth also attended; she represented our district in the Public Speaking Contest.

RURAL LIFE:

The 4-H Club members observed National 4-H Sunday by wearing four-leaf clovers and having special services in each of their communities. Two clubs took over the entire program. It is hoped a county-wide program can be worked out for 1960.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK:

National Club week was observed in Prince Edward as posters were displayed in each school. Parties were planned and held. A radio program was given by one group, on 4-H activities in the county. Ninety-five forestry posters made by 4-H members were on display in the Courthouse corridors for the full week.

CLUB CONTEST:

A county-wide contest in which all members were eligible to compete was held in March. There were entries in Forestry, Electricity, Clothing, Foods, Public Speaking and Dress Revue.

FAIR EXHIBITS:

Girls' project work was exhibited at the Five County Fair. Educational booths were also put up by members and leaders.

In 1958 and the Spring of 1959 the 4-H Clubs' program was conducted in the schools. For the Fall of 1959 the county switched to private schools.

After many consultations with school officials, district agents, State 4-H Club Department, and lay people in the county, it was decided to organize only community clubs. It is felt that this will be an ultimate advantage to the 4-H Club program. However, with this change plus the fact that the county was without a home agent most of the summer (when the greatest amount of project work is normally done) the completions record does not show a true picture of work actually accomplished.

In the Senior 4-H Club program, the senior members at Worsham School chose JUNIOR LEADERSHIP for their in-school work. Each has worked with a junior club, and has kept a record book.

In the ELECTRIC PROJECT, special instructions were given to Darlington Heights, Green Bay and Seventh Grade at Worsham. The 4-H Electric School at Holiday Lake was attended by 5 girls and 8 boys. A booth was set up at the Electric Congress in Richmond, and at the Five County Fair. Three club members from Prince Edward attended the Electric Congress. The Electric Congress booth won a second-place ribbon, while at the Five County Fair it was rated in fifth place. Prince Edward had one member taking part in the District's Electric Contest, in April.

In the Gardening, Canning and Freezing Project, 12 girls took the project, and 6 worked on frozen foods, and 6 in canning. Linda Stockton won 5th place in the District GARDENING Contest sponsored by Sears Roebuck in Lynchburg. Frances Southall won 2nd place in the District in CANNING, in contest also sponsored by Sears.

OTHER 4-H ACTIVITIES

CLUB CAMP:

One boy and one girl were sent to 4-H Senior Camp at Holiday Lake, in June. They gained many new ideas, and are busy getting a community club started in their community.

The Home Demonstration Clubs provided a scholarship to the boy and the girl having the best 4-H record for the year. The Home Demonstration Clubs also made contributions toward scholarships for 2 children who could not finance their own way.

Prince Edward Club members were at Holiday Lake August 3 to 8, with senior club member Rose Lamberth as junior leader.

B.

4-H Project Work

All Junior 4-H Club members worked on the 4-H Forest Appreciation Project and record book.

The Senior 4-H Club group worked on the Electricity Project and the Junior Leadership Project.

The agent and assistant agent worked with County Council members in planning for the year's work. A yearbook with outlined objectives and monthly activities was given each member. The agent encouraged parents' and teachers' interest in the 4-H project work, and solicited their help in seeing that boys and girls applied what they have learned to their home situation and in keeping records of their accomplishments. Pins and 4-H emblems were given from time to time during the year, to encourage record keeping and the giving of demonstrations.

Slides, charts and skits, as well as exhibits, were used in the monthly meetings planned and given by the members. New songs and games were earned each month.

Record books were brought to meetings, and help given in bringing them up to date.

For the Forestry Conservation Exhibit, 75 posters were made and hung in the Court House corridor. To date (June 30) 90 Forestry record books have been completed. Ten members have turned in leaf collections, and 2 have made flower collections. All members made leaf prints, and one made an exhibit of leaf prints on cloth.

Mr. W. A. McElfresh, Assistant Extension Forester, took a real interest in the 4-H forestry program and was helpful and cooperative.

A Community Rest Room, sponsored by and supervised by Home Demonstration Clubs, is located on the lower floor of the Court House in Faraville and is open daily, for the convenience of women coming in from outlying points as well as those traveling through town. Through this rest room many contacts are made with club and non-club members. Books and magazines are made available to patrons, and a bulletin rack of current V.P.I. Extension materials is kept up to date. All clubs participate in making and keeping the room attractive.

Fairs

The agent completed fair catalogue and committees were appointed in each club to work up booths. In the absence of an agent, leaders in the 9 clubs set up educational booths. Members worked as department supervisors and entered many individual exhibits.

d. URBAN WORK

There is no urban work as such, in Prince Edward. The work is planned and carried through as a one-unit Prince Edward County Program.

e. FARM AND HOME DEVELOPMENT

With the addition of a county agent experienced in this program, much is being planned for the future. At present the agent has helped 4 homemakers recognize needs and improve their standards, and to use time more efficiently. Methods used were home visits, bulletins, circular letters, and check sheets.

The agent worked with 5 families on house plans; 20 have received help with redecorating, 3 with plans for remodeling homes,

Over 900 cancer bandages or dressings have been made for the Cancer Society.

Three clubs have taken an interest in our Southside Community Hospital. They have a planned visiting program to call on the sick. The Buffalo, Meherrin and Social Hour Clubs had all-day meetings at which they made favors for those sick in the hospital, and they packed fruit plates for the sick in their communities on special occasions.

The Social Hour Club served a box lunch prepared at their homes (including baked products) for the Production Credit Association members. They prepared and served 295 box lunches for this all-day area meeting. Proceeds will be used to build a fireplace at Farnville Recreation Center.

National Home Demonstration Week alerted the citizens of Prince Edward to a group of women who are interested in their county. Two Home Demonstration Clubs made window displays on "Better Home Lighting" and "Home Demonstration Literature Available in the Home Agent's Office". Four of the county officers took part in a special radio program presented to better inform people as to the Home Demonstration program. An article was written for the local newspaper by a club member, describing activities, and to the article pictures were added by each club. A special tour was held, beginning with a picnic; places visited were home of Mrs. Floyd Price (remodeled house, refinished furniture, choice of accessories and draperies), Longwood College Home Economics Department and Library, the Community Southside Hospital, and the grounds and gardens at Poplar Hill. This tour was the most outstanding activity in the early part of the year.

A progress check sheet has been made by club officers and members. Club meetings are being conducted in a more interested and accepted procedure. More members are making reports and taking part, thus all are going home from meetings with a feeling of having made a contribution. This meeting has strengthened and improved not only the club meetings but the attitudes and the total Home Demonstration program in the county.

B. COUNTY TOUR OF GARDENS AND HOMES

1. Objectives:

- a. To familiarize homemakers with what we have in Prince Edward.
- b. To help homemakers gain more knowledge for planning.
- c. To have greater appreciation for art principles.
- d. To make wiser use of money they have to spend.

2. Methods:

This tour was a part of National Home Demonstration Week in our county. A committee with help of the Agent planned and carried through plans for this tour. All club members were invited and the following places were visited:

A club member's outdoor picnic area, where picnic lunch was served.

Mrs. Floyd Price's home - a club member who had remodeled the house, refinished furniture, made draperies; her choice of accessories was also studied.

Longwood College Home Economics Department and Library, to acquaint club members with facilities.

A visit to the Community Southside Hospital brought to light the real need for our health and safety activities.

One of the oldest homes in Prince Edward -- Poplar Hill -- opened its grounds and gardens; this was a most interesting climax to an instructive and enjoyable tour.

C. OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Federation Program of Work "HEALTH AND SAFETY" was selected by the County Home Demonstration Clubs' Planning Committee. Highway Safety has been stressed through articles, bulletins and radio talks. A committee has made plans for beginning a Driver's Education Class.

B. COPPER TOOLING

1. Objectives:

- a. To help homemakers enrich their living by teaching them a creative art.
- b. To recognize balance, scale, line and design in working out patterns in metal.
- c. To make planters, plaques, and other copper tooling accessories.

2. Methods:

Miss Catherine Peery, V.P.I. Rural Arts Specialist, held a leaders' training meeting in early July. Six planters and a plaque were finished.

Leaders have held special interest sessions in clubs where requested, amounting to 4 such meetings.

C. RESEATING STOOLS

Milwood Club held a special meeting for those wanting to reseat chairs and stools. Local leaders gave demonstrations for those interested.

7. LANDSCAPING

No monthly method demonstration, but radio programs giving timely information on landscaping and flower gardens have been given. Numerous requests have been met, concerning problems in this field. Period material is mailed to the clubs requesting it.

7½ Mr. C. D. Wheary, V.P.I. Rural Housing Specialist, held conferences with 4 homemakers on planning and specific improvements.

8. SPECIAL INTERESTS

A. PROGRAM PLANNING SCHOOL IN FEBRUARY

1. Objectives:

- a. To help leaders understand their and the agent's role in Home Demonstration work.
- b. To familiarize leaders with club programs and policies, thus strengthening the whole club program.
- c. To learn how to conduct their meetings in an educational and instructive manner.

2. Methods:

Club officers attended meeting conducted by the District Agent, Miss Mary Hille McCoy. Check sheets, information bulletin, and instructions were used in the demonstration. Reports to clubs were made by those officers attending the school.

5. HOUSE FURNISHINGS

This subject matter wasn't included in the year's program. However, the agent has worked with individuals in better lighting, redecorating fraternity house at Hampden-Sydney College, interior decorating in homes, slip covers, and selection of furniture.

A slip cover special interest meeting was given by Farmville Singer Sewing Center. These leaders were trained so as to help with meetings held in the future for other ladies interested in making slip covers.

Results:

Leaders are developing confidence in themselves and skill which helps them become better leaders.

6. RURAL ARTS

A. GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

1. Objectives:

- a. To help homemakers enrich their living by teaching them things they and their families can make.
- b. To recognize balance, scale, line and design in decorations.
- c. To learn how to match and blend colors, to make more attractive decorations.
- d. To use simple materials in decorating.

2. Methods:

A training meeting was conducted in November by Miss Catherine Peery, Rural Arts Specialist of V.P.I. Leaders helped to train interested club members and others at special meetings on getting ready for Christmas. Charts, pictures and instruction sheets were used in the demonstration. A special Christmas bulletin was sent to all club members and interested homemakers in the county. Christmas parties were held in each club community. Several broadcasts were devoted to Christmas in the home.

This program was of real interest to all members. It gave the clubs experience in helping other groups and organizations work up programs and decorations. The service rendered to outside groups gained many new members for the Home Demonstration Clubs.

soaps, detergents, washers and dryers; and determine the best kinds for their money and use.

- b. To help homemakers better organize the family wash.
- c. To help homemakers with laundry problems.

2. Methods:

The leader training meeting on this topic was conducted by Mrs. Ocie O'Brien, V.P.I. Home Management Specialist. Leaders gave their clubs a method demonstration on the family wash. A radio program was devoted to the topic. Exhibits of fabrics washed, and of washing products, were displayed at meetings. A wash-day bulletin was sent to all club members.

B. Home CLEANING

Leaders for this demonstration were trained by Mrs. Ocie O'Brien, V.P.I. Home Management Specialist. In the absence of an agent these leaders gave method demonstrations in their clubs, giving members mimeographed material that they might keep for reference.

Radio programs have been given on Detergents and Home Laundering, Family Financial Planning, and Buying Sweaters.

A TIME STUDY training meeting was held in Prince Edward (for the District) on June 8th. Mrs. Marjorie Morris of the Happy Home Club attended this meeting, and plans to take part. Mrs. Ocie O'Brien, Extension Home Management Specialist, conducted the class.

4. CLOTHING

A. WHEN AND WHAT TO WEAR ... ACCESSORIES

1. Problems and Needs:
 - To learn how to better choose accessories.
 - To better plan wardrobe for all occasions.
2. What they were to learn:
 - To make better plans for their wardrobes so as to have maximum costumes with minimum expense.

Methods:

Miss Betty McClaskey, Extension Clothing Specialist, trained leaders on this demonstration; 12 received this training and gave method demonstrations in 7 clubs, while the agent gave it in 2 clubs. One radio program was devoted to the topic. Mimeographed materials were given to leaders for further study.

2. HOUSING

A. MAKING SIMPLE HOME REPAIRS

1. Objectives:

- a. To help homemakers determine which jobs can be handled by do-it-yourself, and which need an expert repair man.
- b. To help homemakers make simple home repairs.

2. Methods:

A leaders' meeting was conducted by Mr. Cecil Wheary, Rural Housing Engineer of V.P.I. The leaders gave method demonstrations to their clubs. The Agent made several radio broadcasts on the topic. A record sheet of repairs made is to be kept by members and turned in at end of the year. Slides and pictures were used in club meetings. A special exhibit of simple home repair tools and their storage rack was used at meetings. Several of the husbands helped with demonstrations, also 4-H Club members who were working with the electric project. This was a step in getting whole families working together in family projects. An inventory of service bills was made, and club members were most interested in the amounts that were spent just to keep equipment going.

B. SHELVES FOR MANY PURPOSES

1. Objectives:

- a. To help homemakers determine the points to be considered in planning for shelves.
- b. To help homemakers select shelves that suit needs and are also attractive.
- c. To help homemaker install simple shelves.

2. Methods:

A leaders' training meeting was conducted in April by Miss Mary Settle, Home Improvement Specialist of V.P.I. The leaders presented the topic at the May club meetings and gave method demonstrations.

A radio broadcast was made on this topic, and five home visits were made by the Agent to help plan for changes in shelves. Pictures and slides were used in club meetings; this not only helped in teaching the topic but the members are interested in making some slides to show their improvements. The possibility of making slides would seem to be a real incentive for doing more and better jobs, particularly in housing.

3. HOME MANAGEMENT

A. THE FAMILY WASH

1. Objectives:

- a. To help homemakers become familiar with kinds of

- c. To help homemakers organize service so that it will be easy and they will experience satisfactions in having the family together.

2. Methods:

The leaders were trained by Miss Janet Cameron, V.P.I. Foods Specialist, on this topic of table setting and serving. Leaders gave a method demonstration. Pictures and exhibits of different types of table service and serving aids were used at club meetings. A list of suggestions for making meals a family occasion were given to members. One radio program was broadcast on this topic.

D. PICNIC TIME

In the absence of an agent the foods leaders, after being trained by Miss Janet Cameron, V.P.I. Food Specialist, gave demonstrations in their clubs in August, along with a family picnic.

E. CAKE DECORATING

With the many occasions in the home and community for special cakes, the ladies felt the need of training in Cake Decorating. Miss Janet Cameron, V.P.I. Food Specialist, trained leaders for this demonstration. In November these leaders gave this information ~~gawxxxxxxxinformatixxxx~~ through demonstrations back in their club. Having all members practice this information at the club meeting, 18 leaders gave these demonstrations.

One radio program in November was devoted to FREEZING OF MEATS. This information has also been given to ladies in the county by requested bulletins, office visits, and telephone calls.

Talks have been given by the agent on the foods meetings attended by her. Much help and information has been given on use of pressure cookers; as to pressure-type canners, 30 gauges were checked as women prepared to can. A special nutrition committee has been formed, made of food leaders from each club; this group will continue to meet throughout the year.

The college and high school teachers have requested from the agents bulletins, charts, and other information on nutrition.

The club members have a better knowledge of what their food needs are. The problem now is selecting foods for the money they have to spend, and getting it prepared in the time they have for food preparation. Family cooperation is a real need in meal preparation in this county. This will come with rise of 4-H foods work.

There has been an increase in the number of simple home gardens. This is another area that needs more work.

PROJECT WORK

1. Foods

a. NEW WAYS WITH OLD VEGETABLES

1. Objectives:

- a. To help homemakers better meet the nutritional needs of their families through wiser use of foods on hand.
- b. To add variety to the family meals.
- c. To help homemakers plan, prepare more nourishing meals.

2. Methods:

A leader-training meeting was conducted by Mrs. Mary Thompson, V.P.I. Food specialist, in January. Leaders gave method demonstrations at February's regular club meetings. Two radio broadcasts were devoted to the topic during January. Bulletins, charts and mimeographed material were used in the club meetings. A check chart on good nutrition showed many members had diets low in milk and citrus fruit and green vegetables. This topic was very popular with the women throughout the county, since many had freezers and regularly freeze vegetables/

The Agent attended a freezing school at Longwood College on January 23rd, and sent up-to-date information on freezing to all clubs.

Notes of interest to homemakers were sent to all clubs from the nutrition forum at Thalheimer's for "Food for the Young in Heart", as well as from the meat school held in Lynchburg by the National Livestock Association and V.P.I.

b. NUTRITIOUS SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS

1. Objectives:

- a. To help homemakers prepare simple, inexpensive refreshments.
- b. To help homemakers plan and prepare nourishing snacks for children and elderly people.
- c. To determine just what should be served.

2. Methods:

A leader-training meeting was conducted by Mrs. Mary Thompson, V.P.I. Food Specialist, in January for the March demonstration on nutritious snacks and refreshments. Leaders gave a method demonstration on it at March meetings. One radio broadcast was devoted to the topic. Pictures aided members in selecting refreshments for club meetings. Much improvement has been made in simple refreshments chosen to be served at the monthly club meetings.

c. TABLE SETTING AND SERVING

1. Objectives:

- a. To help homemakers set an artistic table simply and inexpensively.
- b. To help homemakers realize the value gained from family meals together.

COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB COMMITTEE

Prince Edward has a committee composed of representatives of all club officers as well as lay leaders in general. It meets at least twice during the year. This group spearheads the planning of the year's program, and has the power to alter or change or modify the program as needed.

SPECIAL INTEREST COMMITTEES

Committees on slipcover-making and copper tooling have met and are ready to conduct county meetings.

A 4-H Club Committee special interest group has met. It was composed of a member from each club. Plans were set up for obtaining leaders and organizing community 4-H Clubs.

gether. September will be a good time to call this meeting.

2. Home Economics Council

After the County Agricultural Extension Service Board is really in action, if and when the need arises a Council will be established. When formed, representatives from all clubs and special interest groups will be on the Council. Such a Council is expected to strengthen the home economics phase of Extension service.

3. General Interest Committees

HEALTH AND SAFETY

This committee is made up of representatives from all 10 clubs, who keep homemakers and families informed on health facilities and problems, along with safety rules and regulations.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE

We have an organized committee with chairman appointed by the County Chairman. Each club has a representative. The group has met, set up goals and stated needs. Dealers have been visited. Information on aims has been sent to leaders of each club. Home-making students in the county's two high schools were informed through talks and demonstrations given by the Agent and representatives of VEPCO; mothers were asked to help their daughters work on joint projects through 4-H and F.H.A. Demonstration homes are being sought, and plans for a lighting tour in October are being evolved. Mrs. Alfred Price, Mrs. Linwood Cox and Mrs. Calvin Bass are working on this project. During National Home Demonstration Week the lighting program received special emphasis.

II.

ADULT COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM

A. ORGANIZATION

Prince Edward County has 10 active Home Demonstration Clubs with 188 members who are active. The Extension Program in Home Economics is carried on through the members, their contacts and the 4-H Club program in the county.

Club women of the entire county worked on Health and Highway Safety during 1959. Each club has held meetings on Health. One club has set up plans for a drivers' class. Information and interesting games, charts and talks have been given at monthly club meetings. The goal was to inform the members and plan for active community work.

The Home Demonstration Club members have continued their educational support of the Cancer Program, T. B. Association, and Community Chest. Over 900 cancer bandages have been made by club members.

All clubs are consciously trying to make their clubs vital to each community and to increase the membership of each Home Demonstration Club. Clubs are having to meet at night in order to keep their members who are working; even with this, a decrease in membership and clubs is expected. Requests for information, from non-members, keep increasing at a rapid rate.

1. County Agriculture Extension Service Board

Officers of the Board decided not to have a joint meeting of both groups. They think more can be accomplished at this time by separate committee meetings, to be followed later on by meeting to-

for Extension group meetings and some members of the faculties have served as resource people in program planning. The Southside Hospital has its center in Farmville; as with the colleges, cooperation is well established. Seven construction companies are located in Farmville. New small homes are being built in rural areas and around town, and this has meant requests for Extension assistance in landscaping and general beautification; it also means more interest in home equipment and home management.

Families in Prince Edward have become increasingly aware of social conditions as they do or will affect the young people in their homes; they are also more aware of many instances of emotional instability among adults. Interest in social problems is shown by the choice of such topics in Home Demonstration clubs, as well as in the P.T.A., churches and other civic groups.

With a growing emphasis on poultry raising and egg production in the county, a need is developing for a committee on this phase of farming.

Many of our rural homes are still without running water, or at best have inadequate equipment. A committee is needed to study this situation and to work for better water facilities.

The Prince Edward School Foundation is planning to open schools on a segregated education basis, and is asking the citizens for \$300,000.00 to finance segregated education for the white children from September to June. The county will levy no taxes for school purposes this year; it is hoped that citizens will contribute what they would normally have been assessed for school taxes, and also add extra grants. One meeting has been held to help the colored people begin planning for their schools. So far, no definite plan has been worked out.

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THE COUNTY SITUATION

Prince Edward County, with an area of 357 square miles, is located in central Virginia, which is the tobacco raising section of the state. The 1950 census set the population at 15,398; of this, 72% was classified as rural (6,944 rural farm, and 4,079 rural non-farm); but more recent studies show that the number of farms in the county dropped more than 10% by 1955 -- and the trend continues. Farmville, the county seat, is growing slowly and is now considered to have a population of 6500. Tobacco is the main crop raised, but there are orchards, poultry farms, dairy farms, some beef cattle raisers; general farming is carried on by the majority of farm families. Income from tobacco has dropped because of acreage cuts; allotments have in many cases been reduced so far that many individuals cannot grow enough to make production worth while. Many small farmers are giving up farming and coming into the town to work, often bringing their wives for full- or part-time employment; half of our club members are taking part-time jobs.

Farmville is the shopping center. In this town are located a shoe factory, two laundries, a garment factory, and many stores where women of the county are working. Longwood College is located in Farmville, and seven miles out from town is Hampden-Sydney College; these colleges make higher education available without the expense of away-from-home maintenance to boys and girls of the county, and offer scholarships, but comparatively few rural boys and girls take advantage of it. Facilities at both colleges have been made available

1959 CONTRIBUTIONS TO FAMILY LIVING

At the beginning of the 1958-59 year it was evident that family cooperation was a "must". With homemakers engaged in outside employment many miles from home, children spending a larger part of the day away from home, and the house and farm work still to be done, EVERYONE had to do his part.

An adequate diet is essential in order to meet a busy schedule and give it one's best. Time for fun together, even if it was part of the working time, needed planning. As club programs have taken place these needs have been stressed, sometimes in the Federation Program of Work, at other times in Program Development reports or in the monthly demonstrations.

The choice of Citizenship for next year's Federation Program of Work, and of Foods as a major topic for club programs, indicates these factors are being considered. In program planning, members have evaluated upcoming programs in this light.

Through visiting homes, working with 4-H members and families (both club and non-club) such improvement has already been observed as to cooperation in every field of family living. More requests are being made for time and cooperation schedules, as well as inquiries about adequate diets, for all family members.

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