

Annual Narrative Report  
Home Demonstration Agent  
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III. Scope of Work

A. Home Demonstration Clubs increased in number and membership over 1937.

Home Demonstration Clubs in Greenville total 9 with a membership of 193. This is an increase of 2 organized clubs and 46 members over last year. One club, a rural group at Brink, was meeting as an unorganized group at the beginning of the year but they became an organized club in May of this year and are very interested and fairly active; this club has 14 members.

Another club was organized that same month and now has 21 members. This second club is made up largely of young homemakers in Emporia and call themselves the "Modern Homemakers". Their organization was rather interesting. The home agent was requested to talk on some phase of the home at the quarterly meeting of a church group. Because nothing definite was specified and because the agent felt that month's demonstration, "Window Treatment", was particularly interesting, she gave that demonstration. At the close of the meeting, several of the ladies were wishing they were free from work or children in the afternoon so they could join a club. This was the perfect opening for the home agent to suggest that they organize a club of their own. The group met the second Friday night in May for their first meeting and became an organized club at that time. Each month since several new faces have been present at meetings and the home agent would venture to say that the demonstrations have meant more to these young homemakers and mothers than to any other group in the county.

Club members report they have passed information learned through the H. D. program to 279 families. This number is an increase of 121 over last year.

B. 4-H Clubs

There were seven 4-H clubs in the county during the year. Four of these clubs were both boys and girls and 3, girls alone. The county's total membership was 168 with 117 girls and 51 boys. Three of these clubs met during school hours - Brink, Purdy, and the Emporia Seventh Grade 4-H Clubs; the three clubs of girls only met in the afternoon after school hours; the 4-H Club, which met at night as a community club, was the Rural Youth Club.

C. Older Youth Groups

There have been no older youth groups in the county but the Home Agent hopes that a least one such group can be started during the coming year. This could fill a definite need in a section of the

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county which is becoming more community minded - the Zion District. Many of the 4-H members will soon be finishing school and they, along with other young adults, might be reached through an older youth program.

D. Work with Other Groups

The Home Agent has worked with approximately 150 families through other groups which include Southern States, Woman's Club, and the Purdy P. T.A. and the Red Cross.

F. Other Groups

During the year, 30 news articles have been published in the local newspaper, "The Independent Messenger". The paper has a circulation of about 3,500 and the Home Agent believes that well over half of this number found the articles of some value.

An estimated 90 families have been reached through 218 office calls and an estimated 105 reached through 353 phone calls.

457 home visits were made to 210 different homes during the year. These include both 4-H visits and visits to Home Demonstration members and prospective members.

1038 bulletins have been distributed to both club and nonclub members.

G. Total Families Reached

An estimated 878 families were reached during the year by all methods; this includes both farm and non-farm families. There are 1,144 farm families in the county.

IV. ADOLESCENT WORK

A. HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB PROGRAM

1. Project Work

a. Club members set up their own program of project work. This was done by the women back in their own clubs during the July and August meetings in 1947. Some time was spent in each club discussing what the members wanted to include in the 1948 program calendar. In each case, the Home agent led the discussion, trying to point out factors both locally and nationally that might influence homemakers in the county. From her own background of work with the people in the county, she was able to bring out the needs of the women that would influence them in setting up a worthwhile

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and interesting program. The list of suggested demonstrations made up by the specialists was used in leading these club discussions.

Each club made up a list of the suggested topics they wanted in the 1948 program and this list was presented by the club president at the fall planning meeting. Suggestions from all the clubs were listed on a blackboard at the planning meeting and those topics which were listed the largest number of times were selected to go into the program calendar. Club representatives at the planning meeting, led by District Agent, Miss Helen Hicks, worked the chosen projects into a monthly schedule. These club representatives also decided what extra activities they wanted worked in during the year along with what Federation goals. These were all based on those earlier club discussions.

b. Six Demonstrations Devoted to "Making The Living Room Livable."

The greater portion of the year was devoted to home improvements or more specifically, to improving the living room of the farm home. As the club program has advanced in the county, the club members have begun to realize more and more that being a good homemaker is more than cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing and the other hundred and one chores that are performed within a week. The women have become quite anxious to make their homes more livable both inside and out. They chose the living room as their starting point for 1948 but soon discovered that fundamental principals could be applied to the whole house. They first wanted to study color and how it could be used for paint, slip covers, draperies, etc. - color as a background. Then they wanted to learn about walls, floors and wood work - the type and care. There were then those women who planned the addition of curtains and draperies. They wanted to know the best styles and how to practice economy. And there were club members that could not afford or did not desire to make major changes. They were able to make their living rooms more attractive through rearranging furniture and accessories.

One meeting during the year was devoted to handicraft - the making of aluminum trays. This was about the first work of this nature done by the club members and came from the desire most of us have, to do something with our hands.

As the need has arisen for help with slip covers, reseating chairs, tying springs, buying new household equipment, etc., the women have requested such help. These requests came from a desire to make present furnishings last longer, thus saving money for more urgent needs. The same has been true of clothing, house remodeling and other problems.

Food and food preparation are always major interests of all homemakers. That is always with them whether they like it or not. Most farm women in the county have been cooking for years, but they always hope to find new ideas. They wanted short cuts in meal preparation that would allow them free time for other activities.

C. Projects Carried

1. Club Project More Livable Living Rooms

Six consecutive months during the year were devoted to living room improvements - from the study of color and through finally to the study and arrangement of accessories. This blocking of project work and carrying it over a period of months has proved advantageous. Interest has been easier to hold and it gives the monthly meetings relationship one to the other. It has also been easier to follow through on improvements being made.

The home agent and club women hoped that such benefit would be derived from so much time devoted to living room and home improvements. The main objectives they hoped to accomplish were:

1. Make living rooms as attractive as possible at a minimum cost.
2. Learn to make use of furniture and materials already on hand through remodeling, refinishing, painting, slip covering, tying springs, etc.
3. Learn to use colors together correctly; or in other words learn not to be afraid of color.
4. Spread the living room improvement to other rooms throughout the house.
5. Teach neighbors and non-club members through suggestions and own improvements.
6. Have at least one result demonstration living room set up in each club.

At the January demonstration, the background of the room was studied. The "eye sores" were discussed and also ways of eliminating them or making them into decorative accents. The room background was studied first so that if any structural changes needed to be made they could be made at the very beginning.

Most of the meeting was devoted primarily to the study of "Developing Color Plans". The main objectives here were to: (1) Assist each homemaker in acquiring a confidence in her own ability to work out her color scheme; (2) Teach the relationship between the individual and color and the relationship between color, the size, and the exposure of the room; (3) Learn to secure a balance of color in the room as a whole and as a part of the house.

Color slides obtained from Miss Ruth Jamison, House Furnishing Specialist, were shown, discussed, and questions answered. This was the first time slides had been used as a method of teaching and the color slides proved most effective. A projector was borrowed from the county high school. Colored pictures and before and after pictures from magazines were also used. Copies of mimeographed material which came from Miss Jamison were distributed to all club members present and used as a basis for discussion in the clubs.

Later the women reported they had a better knowledge of color and the best color to use for the personality of each home and the individual within the home. They say that at least they are more color conscious and a good many have already done some painting and made other changes in their decorative scheme. Some have done their own painting.

The next two months were devoted to walls and wall finishes and floors and floor finishes. Here the women hoped to learn what kind of wall finish was most satisfactory for their particular need, the kind of paint preferable, whether to paint or paper, determine the best floor finish for a particular way of life, and ways to speed up daily care of floors and walls.

For the "walls and wall finishes", mimeographed material was distributed and used as a basis for discussion. Wallpaper books were studied and for those interested, the needed amount of wallpaper was estimated. Pictures from magazines were used again.

Samples of flooring with different types of floor finishes - shellac, varnish, linseed oil and turpentine, and floor seals - were shown and the merits of each discussed. The removal of stains and spots from floors was demonstrated showing the mixing of the oxalic acid and removal of spots. Labor saving floor equipment was illustrated and the use of correct equipment for ease in cleaning - light weight, long handles, etc. Here again, illustrative material from magazines was used along with mimeographed sheets.

The demonstration for the month of April was to the home agent the outstanding demonstration of the year. Maybe that was because she herself learned so many things about "Window Treatment". She does think, however, that it would have been more effective had two months been devoted to it instead of trying to put so much into one demonstration. The objectives set up here were: (1) Learn the real purpose of the window and the selection, renovation, and use of shades; (2) Learn how to change window proportions; (3) Study the various curtains for different types of windows; (4)

Study fabrics for draperies - color and relationship to other furnishings in the room; (5) Learn how to measure, cut, and make draperies.

Again slides were used and the projector was borrowed from the school. These and mimeographed material were used as a background of information. Pictures and samples of curtain and drapery materials were borrowed from the Consumer Division of Sears, Roebuck. Sketches of material were also borrowed from the Cotton Textile Institute in New York. Magazines were again used for illustrative material. Ways were suggested for curing window proportions and defects and necessary materials were illustrated. Various types of rods for different windows were illustrated. Glass curtains were studied, sample shown and proportions given. Drapery making was studied - the kind of material, valances, and a few points on the actual construction. Samples of lined draperies were shown along with some simple valances.

The home agent, at Miss Jamison's suggestion, made up curtains from unbleached muslin using a handmade fringe for her own apartment. Club women were quite impressed at how lovely they were especially with the darker shade of fringe to set them off. And more than that were they impressed with their durability and low cost - for three windows the cost was \$8.50. At the close of the month's demonstration these were hung in the home agent's apartment and all club women were invited to see them hanging. An estimated thirty saw them.

Club women who attended the May and June demonstrations were amazed at how much a room could be changed in appearance through rearranging furniture and accessories. The main objectives for these two topics under the main project were to teach the women (1) that simplicity is the keynote to attractiveness; (2) that anything which does not add to the comfort, usefulness or beauty of a room should be kept out; (3) that accessories are a part of the major furnishings of the home; (4) and to use articles of good line and design which have long since been discarded to the basement or attic.

For both of these meetings, the agent and leaders asked the hostess permission to rearrange both her furniture and accessories. With this permission granted, they asked for suggestions from club members in regard to what they considered the center of interest, where the sofa should be placed, the best place for the occasional chairs, whether the odds and ends on the coffee table really added anything, what other piece of furniture was needed, etc. The

furniture and accessories were moved until it not only was pleasing and inviting but followed the mimeographed material on furniture arrangement and accessories which was used as background material. Everything that was not needed was taken out through the home agent has to admit that after the meeting much found its way back to the living room. Occasionally a bookcase was brought in from the hall or an old table from the basement. Some homes were fortunate enough to have lovely old picture frames with family portraits. It was suggested that these be made into mirrors or a pretty print used.

Magazines were again used for illustrative material. Examples of good accessories - lamps and shades, vases, bookends, and books, magazines, pictures, trash cans - were carried to the meetings and their good points discussed.

As a whole, results of these six months work were very gratifying. Much has been done toward making "living rooms more livable". Of course, much still needs to be done but a good start has been made during 1946.

Ten living room result demonstrations were set up and though all well justify the time spent, a few are rather outstanding. And perhaps the most outstanding is one at Skippers. Mrs. Billy Vincent, wife of the chairman of the Greenville County Board of Supervisors, has done much to make her living room both more attractive and livable. First of all she changed the structural lines of the room. Formerly she had a rather narrow hall which ran between her living room and dining room and into a closed back porch. This arrangement necessitated doors for both her living room and dining room and at best made heating difficult. She had a closet built at the porch end of the hall for wraps, boots, etc (she has three small boys and one little girl). Then she did away with the living room door and its place cut a straight-top archway suitable for using French Doors but decided against their use. Now she is able to have her living room, dining room and kitchen opening into each other and comparatively no heating problems. New floors were now laid and the walls and ceiling painted a pale green. With the help of a neighbor, she slipcovered two chairs and her sofa-bed. She made the chairs a pair by slip covering them in the same material - a solid dark green. Her sofa was slipcovered in a print with wine predominating; draperies were made from this same material. These she hung from the window frame out into the room to give the windows more width and give the room more light. Venetian blinds were also added. At Mr. Vincent's

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request, she took the oil burner down and had the fireplace opened up. This made a natural center of interest around which she arranged her furniture. Some accessories and family pictures were removed and pictures and other accessories used to complete a grouping of furniture. New end tables and a pair of lamps for the tables were bought; also a new rug and three prints to use above the sofa.

Other improvements made in the Vincent home during the past year are a new porch added and water put in which, of course, meant a new bathroom and new kitchen sink.

Another outstanding change for both comfort and convenience has been in the home of Mrs. S. B. Weeks of the Purdy Club. Her front door opened into a small hall and the living room to the right was also rather small. She has had the partition removed and now has a large living room which opens into the dining room. With this change and the use of oil burners, keeping her home warm and comfortable in the winter is no problem. She has also painted, made new slipcovers and draperies, put up venetian blinds and added a new rug and pictures.

Mrs. W. E. Short, also of the Purdy Club, decided to have a completely new living room. She replaced slightly old fashioned furniture with a new sofa, two new chairs, endtables, lamps, rug, venetian blinds and draperies. She has also painted the living room and hall.

Mrs. Estelle Koo, of the Lawrenceville Road Club, has added a new Oriental rug to her living room and draperies to both her living room and den. Both blend perfectly with the wallpaper, upholstery, and slip covers. She has also had her insulated and added a heating system.

Mrs. Bernard Moore, of the Busy Bee Club, has bought new furniture made slip covers for it. She also rearranged her furniture.

31 slip covers have been reported made during the year; this is an increase of 34 over last year. Whenever requested, the home agent has helped with slip covers or given out bulletins.

36 pieces of furniture have been reported repaired, remodeled, or refinished. The agent has helped, when requested, with this. She herself is using a breakfast table which was bought at a sale

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for \$2.00. After the five coats of paint were removed, she finished it with a floor seal. The total cost was \$3.58 plus plenty of good hard rubbing.

The Purdy Club held an all day chair reseating clinic in the early spring. The ten ladies present resealed 9 chairs and stools. They are shown below at work and with the finished product.

An estimated 40 chairs and stools have been resealed during the year. 18 foot stools were bought by the club women through the home agent.

Club women report many other home and living room improvements during the year. They include painting, Venetian blinds, new curtains, draperies and valances, rearrangement of furniture and accessories, new slip covers, improved lighting, new wallpaper, and so on. The home agent feels that every goal set up in the project has in some degree been met. Interest is still high. A tour early next spring of these result demonstrations in the county is being outlined.

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From time to time throughout the year, the home agent has given suggestions for making rugs, table cloths, bedspreads or assisted with tying springs, cleaning upholstery and rus, etc.

## 2. Home Management

It is always good to report that rural families have had running water installed or have had their homes connected with a power line. 8 out of 86 report they have had their homes wired and 7 of the same number had had water put in. 2 central heating systems have been installed and many have added oil heaters. 36 of the same 86 women report new equipment purchased during the year. This includes 10 washing machines, 1 electric ironer, 5 refrigerators, 5 electric stoves, 2 sewing machines, bathroom fixtures, kitchen sinks, irons, toasters, vacuum cleaners, 3 hot water tanks and much small equipment. The home agent is most happy to report along with the women that she has bought a washing machine, electric range, and an electric sewing machine.

29 women report repairs on their homes within the year. This includes painting both inside and out and roof - 20 report having done this - screening, new roof, new porch, added Johns Manville asbestos shingles, added underpinning and the addition of rooms. Some several have done some remodeling, carrying out Mr. Dan Kite's suggestions. He was in the county in early April and with the home agent visited seven homes who had remodeling problems. New kitchen cabinets have been built in several homes.

Probably the most outstanding repair work has been done by Mrs. V. E. Grizzard. In the early part of the year the family moved to their own farm. There was a house on the place but badly in need of repairs. She sketched her own plans for remodeling and repairing which included changes in her dining room and kitchen, a back hall with a utility room and a bath. The plaster all over the house needed to be patched. That was done and the house painted inside and out. A new cement front porch was laid and the roof repaired. The house was wired for electricity and running water installed.

Several women have inquired about house plans and a few are actually building..

## 3. Food

Food was the second most outstanding project worked on during the year. At the planning meeting, three months of foods work was scheduled. A few extra foods demonstrations were worked in during the year.

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One of the main objectives in carrying the work with foods was to learn short cuts in food preparation. Another was to learn improved methods in both food preparation and preservation. Both of these could be summarized by saying the women are more and more anxious to do a good job of food preparation in the least amount of time possible, thus leaving spare time for outside activities, rest or time to spend with the family. The women also wanted new ways and ideas to make meals more attractive and appetizing. And an objective which enters into almost every activity - to learn every way possible to keep living costs down.

Refrigerator salads and desserts were the subjects for the July and August demonstrations. Mimeographed copies of recipes were distributed to club members and one or more of the salads and desserts demonstrated. The women were thrilled to learn salads and desserts which could be prepared on Saturday for Sunday dinner. At the close of the demonstrations, the recipes were published in the local paper. This gave those women who had not attended a meeting an opportunity to get the recipes. And club members report they have passed the recipes on to 123 of their friends and neighbors. 36 members report they have had the refrigerator salads 127 times and the desserts 207 times.

Several club members have stated that they think the "one-dish meal" the most practical demonstration of the year. This was the subject of the November demonstration. Mimeographed sheets of some 18 "one-dish meal" recipes were distributed to club members. From the sheets, the "sausage Casserole" and the "Vegetable Meat Pie" were demonstrated. When the time came for that part of the demonstration which they really enjoy the most - the tasting - they couldn't decide which they liked the best. One lady said, "Well, I've learned to really cook rice for the first time". Another said, "I'm glad of a new way to prepare hamburger". Then there were the ladies who were so delighted to find something they could prepare quickly after a meeting or a day's shopping. With hog killing time close, the use of fresh sausage in the sausage casserole will be particularly good. Already 38 women have prepared the one-dish meals 98 times.

One demonstration has been given on the "pressure cooker meal". Some work has been done with fruit cakes and Christmas cookery. One fruit cake demonstration has been given and recipes for a dark fruit cake and a Christmas plum pudding have been published in the local paper. Mimeographed suggestions on Christmas cookery, have gone to all club members and several published in the paper.

Pressure cookers are being used more and more for cooking as well as canning. More pressure saucepans are finding their way into the kitchen. 56 club members report 46 pressure cookers and 20 saucepans. Five of these cookers were purchased within the year and 8 saucepans. Of course, the county pressure cooker is always available to club members.

Amount of Food Frozen Increased Over 7,500 Pounds

104 club members report they have canned 7,892 quarts of fruit, 15,048 quarts of vegetables, and 382 quarts of meat. The amount of meat canned has dropped but the amount of frozen meat has increased more than 2,500 pounds over last year. 4,148 pounds of fruit have been frozen this year against 1,372 last year and 3,444 pounds of vegetables against 848 pounds in 1947. Of 56 club members reporting 49 had gardens in 1948; 2 of these were for the first time.

Three club members are the proud owners of home freezers. Shown below is Mrs. S. E. Phelps, of Purdy, who bought the first, as she removes from her freezer the food she plans to prepare for her supper.

Miss Janet Cameron held an agent's training meeting in Mrs. Phelps' home in March on "The use of the home freezer".



Mr. George Herring was in the county last December for a "meat curing demonstration". About 25 saw this demonstration. A news article was published in the local paper and a circular letter went to all club women giving the important points of the demonstration.

4. Handicraft

October was planned for a tray making demonstration. This was the first of this simple metal work attempted in the county and the women and home agent are quite pleased with the results. They were delighted to carry home something which they could say they had made at a club meeting. About 160 trays, large and small, were made. More handicraft work has been planned for the next year.

5. Sewing

Though no clothing work was put in the plan of work, rural women in the county have done much sewing. Always here their objective is to keep the cost of clothing down as much as possible and to improve on the quality of workmanship. Whenever possible - at club meetings, home visits, office calls - the home agent has helped with any sewing problems that she could. These problems have included selecting materials and patterns, adjusting patterns, fitting garments, and dress finishes such as zippers, buttonholes, facings, collars, etc. Improved sewing practices the women report they have made are: putting in zippers, laying patterns, fitting dresses, buttonholes, and points on tailoring. They report 1,179 garments made during the year; this is a 392 increase over 1947. 481 household articles were made, 227 garments were made over or remodeled, 63 more than last year. 303 articles - household and clothing - were made from feed bags. These articles were listed as dresses, sun suits and sun dresses, pajamas, aprons, men's shirts, pillow cases, quilt linings, towels, kitchen curtains, crib sheets, tablecloths and luncheon sets.

Several club members use their sewing ability to supplement the family income. Mrs. Otis Webb, of the Modern Homemakers Club, writes, "For a side line business I cover buttons, make belts and buttonholes. I bought about \$225 dollars worth of equipment in the late spring. So far, I have paid for that and have about \$80.00 on hand". Another member of the same club knits and crochets as a side line.

One club member, Mrs. E. T. Blake of the Lawrenceville Road club, reports that she has built 4 cabins with showers and hot and cold water, and furnished them. The home agent helped her in selecting material for draperies and bed spreads.

2. Health Chosen as Federation Goal

Following the wishes of the women back in the clubs, the representatives at the planning meeting chose health as the federation goal for 1948. Mrs. L. B. Seincy was appointed county health chairman. Mrs. V. E. Grissard had brought back a good report on health

from the Institute of Rural Affairs and with better health being stressed throughout the state, the women wanted to do their bit.

The following goals were set up early in the club year:

1. A voluntary medical examination of club members and families during the year.
2. Voluntary dental examination of club members and families twice during the year.
3. Each club member have a well supplied medicine cabinet.
4. Have a nursing kit in each club to be used by club members and members of the community in case of illness.
5. Home Demonstration Clubs work in cooperation with other organizations in promotion of health in the county.
6. Promotion of hospitalization insurance among club members.
7. Two club meetings during year devoted to some phase of health.
8. Short time at each club meeting devoted to some phase of health.

The home agent and county health chairman found later that they had perhaps set up too many goals - that it would have been better had fewer been chosen and efforts concentrated on them. Nevertheless, the methods may be listed as follows:

1. At each club meeting club members were urged to see their family doctor for a routine check up, at the end of the year members were asked how many had seen their doctor for a physical.
2. The possibility of a dental clinic was discussed. But though this idea is not yet dead, members were particularly urged to carry school children to the dentist.
3. The home agent asked the county health nurse, Miss Emily Layfield, to list for her the supplies necessary for a well fitted home medicine cabinet. This list was distributed to club members and they were urged to get to work on the cabinet.
4. All except one club rejected the idea of the home nursing kit. The one club which did work on it had each club member to contribute some article - sheet, towel, thermometer, etc.
5. Federation goal chairman from the clubs in the county met in early June with chairmen from other organizations

- F. T. A., Red Cross, Cancer and T. B. Each organization outlined the work they were trying and told of services available for other organizations. Cancer bulletins were distributed through the Home Demonstration Clubs; the Greenville County T. B. Association worked very closely with the H. D. Clubs in preparation for the mass chest X-Ray clinic held in September. The county nurse brought information to the clubs.
6. December and September were set up on the program calendar as months to be devoted to the health program. The December meeting was devoted to home safety and the remainder of the year the women were to work on removing danger hazards about the home. In September, Miss Annie Wood Taylor, Executive Secretary of the Greenville County T. B. Association, spoke in 7 of the 9 clubs, on the dangers of T. B. and urged all club women to have a chest X-Ray made at the mass clinic. Miss Layfield was guest at one club and answered questions on the health status in the county.
  7. A few minutes at each club meeting was spent on some disease or health problem. Bulletins were ordered from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and distributed each month to members. A quiz was given on bulletins given out the preceding month and a small prize given for high score. Each club ordered a Red Cross home nursing book. These books have been passed from member to member in the club.

It is rather hard to give results. The home agent feels the results were greater than those reported. Many results are rather intangible. However, a brief list would include:

1. 46 out of 70 reporting had a physical examination during the year.
2. 56 out of the same number had dental examinations.
3. Only 27 report a well supplied medicine cabinet.
4. Only 20 report having had a chest X-Ray made.

All of these figures are much lower than they should be. However, club members report they have gained a great deal of information and help from the work on health. And though citizenship was chosen for the 1948 goal, the health work will continue as a part of the citizenship. For wouldn't good health certainly be a part of good citizenship?

### 3. Other Activities

#### a. \$64.91 Made at Annual Sale

Each year since home demonstration was organized in the county, the women have sponsored a sale to make money for their treasury.

The sale is really a bazaar and is held on a Friday in early October. Friday is chosen because that is the day most of the women in town for work-and shopping. The Watkins' Motor Co. granted the clubs permission to use the show room of their building. This was the best place the sale has been held from the standpoint of space available and location on a busy street.

Mrs. H. T. Blacke and Mrs. M. L. Crew were appointed sale chairmen and they appointed various committees to work under them. A price committee was appointed to meet with the home agent at 8:30 o'clock on the morning of the sale day to price the articles. 5 sale day assistants and a cashier were appointed to help with the actual selling of the articles.

A letter went out from the home agent's office giving suggestions for articles the women might contribute. Time was spent at regular club meetings studying ideas. Several news articles were written in regard to the sale and posters were placed in store windows.

Articles sold included eggs, butter, canned food, preserves, fresh vegetables, and all kinds of household articles. The selection of articles was the best ever offered for sale. \$64.91 was made and everything was sold. A crocheted doiley was offered as a door prize. While not as much money was made this year as last - about \$100.00 was made in 1947 - the home agent feels that it was the best sale ever sponsored. This money will be used to pay the delegates expenses to the Institute and for other activities.

b. Mrs. T. E. Reese Guest Speaker at Achievement Program

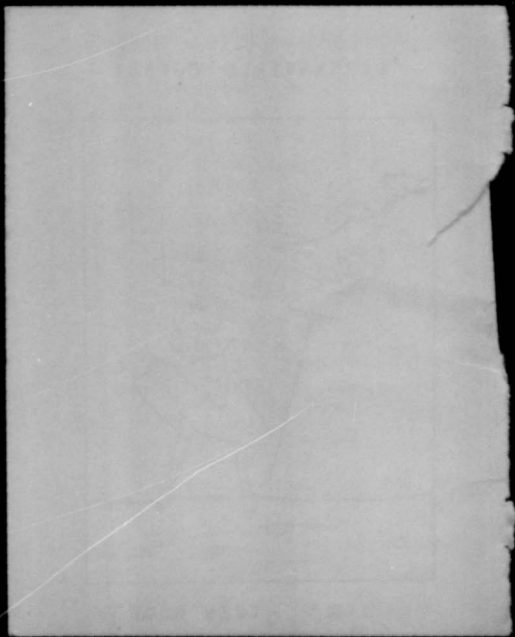
The club women in the county had planned a dinner meeting for their achievement program and the arrangement committee worked quite hard to carry these plans out. But due to limited facilities, other plans had to be made. The program was held in Calvary Baptist Church at 8:00 p.m. the last Friday night in September with about 85 members and guest present. Mrs. T. E. Reese, State Chairman of Fine Arts of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, was guest speaker. She spoke on the first home demonstration work in the county and the achievement of the home makers. Mrs. Reese was formerly from Greenville. Mr. J. W. Rogers, District Agent, was present.

In addition to Mrs. Reese's talk, a summary of the year's work was given and a report made on the federation goal.

GREENSVILLE COUNTY



"H. D." YEAR BOOK



## HOMEMAKERS CREED

- As Homemakers we will strive to:
- Have our organization foster the highest ideals in home, church, school, and public life.
  - Have our homes reach out in service to the communities and help unite the people.
  - Have cooperation and progress the leading forces in our communities.
  - Study the best way to do every day's work that we find joy in common tasks well done.
  - Be kind beyond the standards of charity, avoid words that condemn, be more thoughtful than love requires; maintain the highest ideals of Christian life.

## HOMEMAKERS PRAYER

For health and strength and daily food, we praise thy name, O Lord, Amen.



### THE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB EMBLEM

The hearth fire in the center is to symbolize the Home, it expressed the spirit of the finest attributes of the home; such as fellowship, hospitality, comfort, peace and protection.

The Oak Leaf symbolizes strength; the sheaf of wheat, productivity; and the Roman lamp, knowledge and other attributes of a successful home.

Around these symbols are the words, "Home, Family, Community" with "Co-operative Extension Service" on the outside ring, designating the cooperation of the county, state and nation in the Extension program. The letters "H.D." at the bottom stand for "Home Demonstration", the official term used by the government and many states for our work.

## STATE OFFICERS

- President - Mrs. M. C. Bailey  
Orange, Va.  
Vice President - Mrs. C. M. Ware  
Lee Hall, Va.  
Treasurer - Mrs. C. H. White  
Forest, Virginia  
Secretary - Mrs. A. B. Slagle  
Clarksville, Va.

## COUNTY OFFICERS

- Chairman - Mrs. E. E. Phelps  
Jarratt, Va.  
Vice-Chairman - Mrs. V. K. Grizzard  
Rt. 1, Emporia, Va.  
Sec-Treas. - Mrs. Bruce Harris  
161 Baker St.,  
Emporia, Va.  
H. D. Agent - Mrs. George J. Person  
District Agent - Miss Helen Ricks  
Office Sec. - Miss Matilda E. Shimko  
Health Chairman - Mrs. L. B. Rainey

## HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT'S CLUB SCHEDULE

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st	3:15 Empire H. D. Club		2:00 Purdy H. D. Club	2:00 Beink H. D. Club		
2nd		2:00 Busy Bee H. D. Club	9:00 Brink 4-H Club 2:00 Purdy H. D. Club	9:45 Purdy 4-H Club		
3rd			2:00 Lawrence- ville Road H. D. Club	2:30 Zion H. D. Club		
4th	3:15 Ruddy Seaside Club	3:15 Beink Seaside Club	2:00 Ploos- ant Shade H. D. Club	2:00 Skippers H. D. Club	7:30 Rural Youth 4-H Club	

## RURAL YOUTH

Mrs. L. B. Rainey, Chairman

Rural Youth was chosen the County Federation goal in 1946 and again in 1947. A county chairman, Mrs. L. B. Rainey, was appointed and with a club chairman from each club met and set up county wide goals. As a result of the rural youth work, 4-H enrollment grew from 37 to 70 in 1946 and to 130 in 1947 the number of clubs grew from 2 in 1946 to 7 in 1947. All except one of these still meet in the schools though there is still hope of taking some of them from the schools. H.D. women have taken an increased interest in 4-H work and still plan to carry this as a Federation goal during 1948 though the greatest emphasis will be placed on Health.

The youth chairman gave a talk at the State Federation meeting in Blacksburg in 1946 and also at the 4-H Banquet at the Cavalier Hotel at Virginia Beach.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- December - Meat curing demonstration.  
March - House Furnishings Leader  
Training Meeting.  
April - Food Leader Training Meeting  
May - District Federation Meeting.  
June - County Picnic.  
July - Institute of Rural Affairs.  
September - Lamp shade clinic.  
Planning Meeting.  
October - Achievement Day.  
Food Leader Training Meeting.  
Annual Sale

## HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS

### Clubs

- Purdy..... *Mrs. Howard Groat*  
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Purdy, Va.  
Lawrenceville Road.....  
Mrs. E. C. Hoverstock  
R-3, Emporia, Va.  
Zion.....Mrs. V. L. Pierce  
Emporia, Va.  
Barley.....Mrs. N. N. Faulkner  
Star Rt., Emporia, Va.  
Busy Bee.....Mrs. Johnnie Allen  
Brunswick Ave., Emporia, Va.  
Skippers.....Mrs. Joe Harrison  
Skippers, Va.  
Pleasant Shade Mrs. Leonard Webb, Sr.  
R-3, Emporia, Va.

Name of member \_\_\_\_\_

Name of club \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_

Sec. & Treas. \_\_\_\_\_

Health chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Food Leaders \_\_\_\_\_

Housefurnishing Leaders \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Leaders \_\_\_\_\_

Poultry Leaders \_\_\_\_\_

NOVEMBER

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When:

Where:

Subject: One Dish Meals.

Notes:

OCTOBER

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When:

Where:

Subject: Handicraft (Metal)

Notes:

COUNTY HEALTH

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Chairman - Mrs. L. B. Rainey

1. Cooperate with county health officers and assist in the promotion of all health programs.
2. Follow through of pre-school medical examination.
3. Voluntary medical examination of club members and families at least once a year.
4. Every club member to have a well equipped medicine cabinet in her home.
5. Home nursing kit in each club available to community.

CLUB GOALS

1. At least one demonstration living room in each club.
2. Each club support community house.
3. Leaders give three demonstrations.
4. Each club be represented at our county meetings.
5. Pay federation dues by March.

DECEMBER

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When:

Where:

Subject: Health

Notes:

SEPTEMBER

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When:

Where:

Subject: Health

Notes:

AUGUST

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When:

Where:

Subject: Refrigerator Salads and  
Desserts.

Notes:

JANUARY

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When:

Where:

Subject: Developing Color Plans  
For Living Room.

Notes:

FEBRUARY

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When:

Where:

Subject: Walls and Wall Finishes for  
Living Room.

Notes:

JULY

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When:

Where:

Subject: Refrigerator Salads and  
Desserts.

Notes:

JUNE

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When:

Where:

Subject: Pictures and Accessories.

Notes:

MARCH

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When:

Where:

Subject: Finishing Floors and Wood  
Work

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APRIL

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When:

Where:

Subject: Window Treatment.

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MAY

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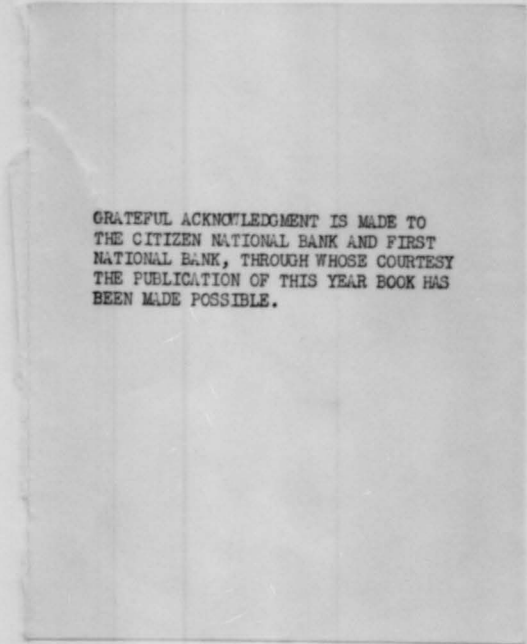
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c. Clubs Have Their First Printed Year Book

Mrs. V. L. Pierce was appointed chairman of the Yearbook committee and the county had their first printed year book. It was sponsored by the two banks of Emporia. Below is a copy of the 1948 year book. A number of improvements have been made in the 1949 yearbook but the club women are very proud of their start.



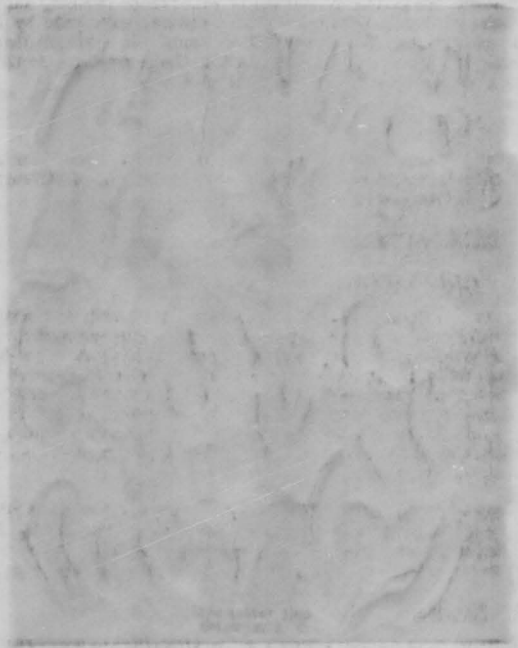
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d. District Federation Meeting

The home agent was indeed proud of the 60 women who attended the District Federation meeting in Linvoldie in May. When the meeting was held in Franklin in 1948 only 8 women from the county attended. The following year when it was in Emporia, nearly 80 women attended.

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The club women and home agent hoped this would prove a good stimulus for promoting better attendance at the next out-of-the-county meeting. Mrs. R. M. Owen made arrangements for a bus to carry the delegation.

e. State Federation Meeting

Mrs. R. M. Owen, now county chairman, and Mrs. W. E. Short were county delegates to the State Federation meeting and the Institute of Rural Affairs. Their expenses were paid by the county committee. These two ladies found the week in Blacksburg most helpful and enjoyable and during the coming year will urge a larger attendance for the 1949 Institute.

f. Adult Camp

Though many more expressed the desire to attend the Adult camp, only 9 attended. They took in the tour of Williamsburg and saw "Common Glory".

IV. LEADERSHIP

a. Organization

Organizational leaders in the clubs have been the president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. They were given brief training at the planning meeting and given mimeographed copies of their duties. For the most part, they have functioned rather well, but there is much to be desired. It is rather difficult to get them to take the initiative that is desired. No more than 5 clubs had their officers present at the planning meeting. One club president spent an afternoon visiting inactive club members with the home agent.

Very active county officers have been elected for the coming year. They are: Mrs. R. M. Owen, chairman; Mrs. W. E. Short, vice-chairman, and Mrs. J. B. Grizzard, secretary-treasurer. Under their guidance, the clubs should go far in the new year.

b. Project

Project leaders have been more active during the year than previously. One of the goals set up at the beginning of the year was that leaders would give three demonstrations during the year.

Miss Jamison trained the agent for the "Window Treatment" demonstration at an agents' training meeting in Petersburg in March. She was also in the county in March for a leader training meeting.

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on "Furniture Arrangement" and "Accessories". The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Estelle Koe with 8 leaders present. Two of these leaders gave the demonstrations back in their clubs, one in the absence of the agent. The other six assisted the home agent.

Miss Janet Cameron was in the county in April to train the food leaders for the "Refrigerator Salad And Dessert" demonstrations. Ten leaders were present. These leaders gave all except one demonstration in July - the first time since the agent has been in the county that she has been able to miss 8 out of 8 meetings in one month! And the leaders did a very good job. The agent stopped in at one meeting late when the mile-high-chiffon-pie was being served and it was delicious.

Miss Janison was back in the county again in September for a leader training meeting on "Baking Trays". Five clubs were represented with 7 leaders present. Two of these leaders gave the demonstration in the absence of the home agent. The others assisted.

Miss Janison gave a leader training meeting in November for the "Sencilling" demonstrations for January and February. Five clubs were represented with 7 leaders present.

Miss Cameron gave a leader training meeting in October for the "One Dish Meal" for November. 8 leaders from 5 clubs were present. These leaders have assisted the home agent in giving the demonstrations, but have not given any alone. Since lack of leadership is one of the county's greatest handicaps, the agent is most gratified by their participation during the year.

#### c. Federation Goal Leaders

The health chairman attended a meeting in November of 1947 to set up the goals for the coming year. They met again with health chairmen of other organizations in June. They have headed up the health work in their clubs, devoting a few minutes of each meeting to health.

#### B. Other Means of Reaching People

The local newspaper has been the greatest other means of reaching the people in both the town and county. Club members had a way to get information when they missed a club meeting. It was the means by which the public could learn about special activities and work of the club program. 10 articles were published during the year.

The articles were something of current interest, summed up a series of demonstrations, or gave publicity. Most of the time the home agent wrote her own articles; occasionally they were news articles from Blacksburg.

V. WORK WITH YOUTH

A. 4-H Clubs

- 1. Organisation
  - a. County Council

The county 4-H Council held two meetings during the year; the first was in February with all seven of the clubs represented. At the meeting, each club president reported on the work their club had done during the previous year. The main purpose of this meeting, however, was to set up goals. Miss Lucy Blake was in the county for this meeting and led the group in setting up the following goals:

- 1. A county 4-H Achievement Day at the end of the year.
- 2. Each club take part in 4-H contests.
- 3. 90% completion of projects.
- 4. Have a county wide 4-H picnic.
- 5. Have two council meetings each year - in November and June.
- 6. Each club represented at 4-H camp.
- 7. County represented at State Short Course and Little Club Congress.
- 8. Invite parents to at least one regular club meeting a year.
- 9. Each club carry a community projects.

One club came very near to meeting all of the goals but they were an excellent guide to all the clubs. The accomplishments are as follows:

- 1. A 4-H Achievement program was held the first Saturday in November. This was the first Achievement program in the county in years. It was held at the Clarendon Community House with 61 boys and girls and parents present. Mr. J. B. Rogers was guest speaker. Each club reported on the work in their club. Awards were given and recognition given for outstanding work.

The agent is indeed pleased with the results of the program and feels that each year it will improve.

- 2. Each club participated in contests. More was done with them during the year than formerly but they still need much more work. Three girls entered the district contest in Petersburg in August. They were Irene Lynch, food preparation; Peggy Crissard, canning; and Virginia Morgan, clothing achievement.
- 3. Only about 68% of girls projects were completed.
- 4. The picnic and Achievement program were held together. The members brought a picnic lunch and played games in the afternoon.

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5. Two council meetings were held during the year. The February council meeting was late but the June meeting was held on schedule with 15 present. At this time the achievement program was planned and camp and short course discussed.

6. Five clubs were represented at 4-H camp with eleven girls and five boys.

7. Six boys and girls from the county attended the Short Course in Blacksburg with the home agent. This was the first year any girls had gone from the county. Those who went were Eloise Grizzard, council president; Virginia Morgan and Mary Lee Wrenn, delegate sent by the Home Demonstration Clubs.

The four girls who attended the Little Club Congress at Virginia Beach were Luia Mae Grant, Virginia Morgan, Barbara Whitehead and Shirley Wright.

8. Only one club, the Rural Youth Club had parents attend a meeting.

9. Three clubs worked on community projects.

The following articles was written in the state club paper:

"The county 4-H council met in February to set up goals for 1946. Lois Bryant, president of the council, presided over the meeting. Each club president reported on the work that had been done in his club in 1945.

"In the afternoon the group played games; then the meeting was called to order to elect officers. Eloise Grizzard was elected president; James E. Rainey, vice-president; W. B. Morgan, secretary; Elizabeth J. Robinson, treasurer; and Irene Lynch, reporter.

After the meeting the group attended a movie to which Mr. Turner, manager of the theatre, gave special rates."

10. Rural Youth 4-H Club Outstanding Club in County

The Rural Youth 4-H club may not be typical of the 4-H clubs in Greensville County but it is by far the most outstanding. There are two things which this may be attributed to: it meets at night as a community group and the boys and girls are above the average 4-H age. Most of the members have been members since the club was organized.

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The club was organized in the early spring of 1946 with 18 girls. The organization was a result of the rural youth work done by the home demonstration club in that community. From then until the first of the following year they met as a girl's club and held their meetings in the afternoon. After discussing the club with the county agent, the two agents decided to try to interest boys in the club and start meeting at night. Enrollment increased to 48 members - both boys and girls - at the present time.

Up until September of this year they had been meeting in the members' homes. At that time they started holding their meetings in the Claresville Community House. This community house had been made possible through the combined efforts of all the people in the community. Work on the building was the community project of the club and work on it will be carried over a period of years.

One of their weak spots is in their programs. Occasionally some time at regular club meetings is devoted to a short program but improvement needs to be made here. A short time at all club meetings is spent on recreation and singing. In August, about 68 club members and parents went to Wilcox Lake in Petersburg for a day for their annual picnic. The father of one of the members took the group in his truck. In October the club had a homecoming party at the community house. About 20 parents were present and joined in the games, Virginia Reel, and square dancing.

Lena Wendell Grant, one of the best club members in the county, has for two years been club president. The club has bought over the-door hangers and other articles and sold them at a profit to get money for the club treasury.

The girls have carried housekeeping, food preservation, learn to sew, and room improvement and projects during the past year. During the summer they met in small groups for project work. Miss Ruth Jamison worked with the home agent and two of the girls carrying room improvement on their projects in November.

Lena Wendell Grant, was county winner in the "Better Methods Contest"; Peggy Grizzard in "Food Preservation"; and Virginia Morgan in "Clothing Achievement".

The club was hostess to other clubs in the county on Achievement Day. Their work on the community project will be outlined later.

2. Project Work

a. The projects carried were determined through observation of children in the school and in their homes, through talking with mothers and home demonstration club members in home visits and club

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meetings and discussion of the different projects which might be carried. Then too, the place of meeting, unfortunately, influenced the projects chosen.

b. Subject Matter Fields

More girls carried in the "Learn to Sew" project than any other. This came from their desire to make their own clothes and thus have more. The next project which was most popular was the "Housekeeping". The mothers were very much in favor of this because it would lighten their housework. "Bread", "Food Preparation", and "Food Preservation" were carried during the summer months. The girls always want to carry some food project maybe because they like to eat! This work was done in the summer through project groups. A few "Room Improvement" projects were carried.

c. Projects

1. The objective of the "Learn to Sew" project was to teach the children fundamentals of clothing construction while they are just learning to sew. And of course the children's ultimate objective is to be able to make their own clothes.

A plan of project instruction was worked out so that work at regular meetings would include, outfitting a sewing box, making a dish towel, making an apron, making a broomstick skirt and making a simple blouse. Then of course the members could make as many additional things listed as they wished.

The children worked very well and learned a good deal. However, with limited time and facilities for working it was impossible to do as much as desirable.

In the "Housekeeping" project the same plan of instruction was worked out to include table setting, bed making, making place mats, cleaning equipment and table linens.

A good percent of these girls who carried housekeeping, helped their mothers with the house care even after the project was over.

For the three food projects, plans of instruction were worked whereby the requirements for the projects could be taught the children. They have done a great deal of good work in canning, freezing, cooking and breadmaking and their mothers report they are relieved of a good bit they had to do originally.

## 2. Other Activities

### a. Clareville Community Center

To the home agent, the agent, the work on the Clareville Community center has been the outstanding work of the year. It has been a cooperative affair but the 4-H members of the Rural Youth Club have perhaps put forth more effort than any other single group.

Work on the center began back some three years ago. Home demonstration club members became interested in Clareville School as a community house. The building had stood vacant for some fifteen years and was rather badly in need of repair. At that time they secured permission from the county school board to use the building and the board appointed a board of trustees, some work was started but because of scarcity of materials and other difficulties the project was temporarily dropped.

Because in 1947 the enrollment of the 4-H club outgrew homes for meetings, interest again turned to the building. The home agent contacted each of the original seven trustees, six of which found it possible to continue to serve. Their first meeting was to discuss plans and discuss what needed to be done. They then met at the school to see from close observation what was needed.

A committee was appointed and appeared before the Board of Supervisors to ask for an appropriation. This was granted and used for painting the two downstairs rooms of the building. These were painted cream with a green wainscoting.

Mr. Jack Smith, Manager of the Meekinsburg Electric Cooperative, provided supervision of the wiring of the project. 4-H boys from the Rural Youth Club did the wiring under this supervision. These boys had attended the 4-H Electric Group in 1947. The cost here was \$66.92.

The Huriter Club became interested and gave \$100.00 for work on the project. The Farm Bureau, with 4-H boys, spent a half day with tractors, trucks, and other equipment cleaning the yard. 4-H girls and home demonstration women washed windows and scrubbed the floors.

4-H boys and girls went to work then to provide seats and a stove. They solicited from business men in town enough to buy five dozen chairs and a second hand coal stove.

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This fall the porch will be repaired or a new concrete one built. Future plans include a kitchen, curtains, painting the roof and outside of the building and landscaping the two acre yard. It will be a long-time project for the 4-H and Home Demonstration Clubs and the people in the community. But it is the sincere hope of all who have worked that the building will serve in the truest sense as a community center.

4-H Clubs have used the building since September. M.D. Clubs have met there three times, and one of the churches have used it for a supper to raise money for their building fund. It has, in all, already become a real asset to the community.

3. Leadership

a. Organisational

Each club has had its president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer. They have served rather well but still much is to be desired.

b. Adult

Two adult leaders attended 4-H camp in July. Because of illness the agent was late going and the leaders took over her duties in a most creditable manner. They both had attended a handcraft training meeting in Chesterfield in preparation for handwork at camp.

One of these same leaders attended the Little Club Congress at Virginia Beach.

The home agent was quite disappointed when her leader could not attend the Short Course. The county had been offered a scholarship - one of the two offered for the district.

Leaders have been more active this year than previously but much is still to be desired.

VI. WORK DONE WITH OTHER AGENCIES

A. Red Cross

The home agent was appointed chairman of the Red Cross nutrition committee and has worked with them whenever the need has arisen.

B. Woman's Club

The home agent was chairman of the American Home Committee of the Jr. Woman's Club. She showed both sets of slides that had

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been used in the home demonstration clubs. She also gave a demonstration on "Ideas For Christmas Suggestions" and helped with their cake and pie sale.

C. Southern States

The home agent attended the annual banquet given by the Southern States planning board. She served on a committee to work up a feed bag exhibit for the annual membership meeting and served as judge.

VII. EVALUATION

To the present home agent, 1948 has been the best year of the home demonstration program for Greenville County. With two new clubs and new members, more people are being reached. The feeling of unity that has been growing in the county has been strengthened. Leadership has improved and should grow as the years go by. This has been one of the programs weak points. Clubwomen have done much home improvement and are becoming more anxious to do a better job of homemaking to save time, money, and energy. All things being equal, the extension program should move forward in the county in 1949 and the years to come.