

1955 PLAN OF WORK

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I. COUNTY SITUATION CONSIDERED IN WORKING OUT THE 1955 PROGRAM

The farms of Scott County are becoming smaller and more numbers of the rural family are working in industry. Because of this change many changes are being made in the selected subjects to be stressed. However, the type of farming is still considered in the general group.

The contacts made in industry and public work has broadened the interest of the rural people and caused many changes in the pattern of living. The extra money made in the off farm employment has helped the rural family to obtain a higher standard of living.

II. THE ADULT PROGRAM

Twenty-seven (27) women representing seventeen (17) organized Home Demonstration Clubs with a membership of three hundred forty-nine (349) met in September to plan the 1955 Program of Work. These women expressed a need for more information on foods, clothing, money management, landscaping, interior decorating, handicraft, home management and such. They also expressed a desire for more County-wide meetings for special interest groups.

A. Subject Matter Field

1. Foods and Nutrition

Three (3) Club demonstrations have been planned in this field. One demonstration in December on "Christmas Cookery". (This demonstration is to be on simple and attractive cookies and candy that can be prepared in little time. This will give more time for other Christmas preparation.)

• The second demonstration is on "Family Meals Out of Doors". (This demonstration will help promote the County Federation Goal

of Recreation and also give information on foods the family can help with. We plan for this demonstration to encourage more family "get togethers".)

The third demonstration is planned on "Good Nutrition for the Family" with emphasis on Child Feeding. (With unstable prices there is a constant struggle to feed the family well but to cut food cost.)

2. Money Management

Money Management is a special demonstration set up for the year. Many of the women have shown interest in this demonstration. (We hope to encourage the women to check their spending habits and to make better plans for the use of the family money. This demonstration will also encourage the women to be better informed of family financial status.)

3. Landscaping

One (1) demonstration was set up on "Landscaping" this year. This demonstration will be on landscaping the outdoor living area and also promoting the County Federation Goal of Recreation. (This demonstration is to encourage more families to develop a recreation area at home for more home recreation.)

4. House Furnishings

One (1) demonstration has been planned on "Window Treatment". (This demonstration was set up to encourage the women to develop their window trims to emphasize the good points of windows and not to frame a picture for the general public view.)

5. Handicraft

Handicraft was a very popular subject this year. The group decided to take a choice demonstration of stool and chair seating or basket making. (These demonstrations were set-up to develop skills or improve a useless object.)

6. Home Management

Two (2) demonstrations on "Laundry" were selected for the year. These were "New Methods in Laundry" and "Ironing Made Easy". (These demonstrations are to help the home maker lighten the laundry tasks and have more time for other activities.)

7. Clothing

One (1) demonstration is planned in the clothing field. This demonstration is "Collars and remake Items". (This year we plan to go farther in the sewing program by encouraging the women to make-over garments for the family and to add interest to old garments by new collars and trim.)

B. Federation Goal

The Home Demonstration Members have selected "Recreation" as the County Federation Goal for the year. This is the first year for this goal and much needs to be done on this project.

One (1) demonstration will be conducted by the Club members on "Recreation". Suggestions on games for the family, the community, and Club meetings are to be sent out each month. The Federation Goal Leaders will be in charge of the games for the Annual County Picnic.

C. Other Activities

1. National Home Demonstration Week

The Home Demonstration Clubs plan to celebrate the National Home Demonstration Week with a County Tea again this year. The members will be encouraged to promote activities in their communities to interest other women in the Home Demonstration Program at this time.

2. County Fair

The Home Demonstration Clubs plan to cooperate with the County Fair in assembling educational exhibits for the Fair. A group of Club members have set up a score card to be used in judging these exhibits and materials will be given to each Club to help develop the exhibit.

3. Summer Picnic

The Home Demonstration Clubs plan to have their Annual Summer Picnic this year. The Federation Goal Leaders will be in charge of recreation as the County Goal is "Recreation".

4. County Council

The County Council will meet two (2) times for the year. One meeting is to make plans for the year and the second to check on plans. The Executive Committee will have three (3) meetings (additional) to make detailed plans on projects.

III. 4-H CLUB WORK

The 4-H Program has been planned to promote Club projects in Health, Safety, and Farm and Home Electric. The home making projects offered for 1955 are as follows:

1. Foods

- (a) Bread Making
- (b) Food Preparation
- (c) Food Preservation

2. Clothing

- (a) Unit I - Looking Your Best
- (b) Unit II - Make and Remake
- (c) Unit III - Learn to Sew

3. Farm and Home Electric

- (a) Unit I
- (c) Unit II

4. Laundry

- (a) Family Washing
- (b) Family Ironing

5. Home Improvement

- (a) Your Room - Care and Arrangement

B. Other Activities

1. 4-H Camp

The objectives are:

- (a) To teach boys and girls to participate in an organized group.
- (b) To teach sportsmanship and handicraft.
- (c) Have agent planning meeting before Camp.

2. County Council

The 4-H County Council will meet four (4) times this year to make plans and promote 4-H Club Week.

3. National 4-H Week

The Clubs will assemble exhibits in the local store windows and publish a 4-H newspaper for the Week.

4. Rally Day

The second 4-H Rally Day has been planned for May. The 4-H Share the Fun program will be held in connection with the County-wide Rally Day program.

IV. YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN'S WORK

There are no organized groups of young men and women in the county but this group of men and women are being reached in other organized groups and by special requests.

V. FARM AND HOME DEVELOPMENT

The agent will work with the recommendations presented by the State on the Farm and Home Development in 1955.

VI. SCOPE OF WORK

A. Organization

	No. in <u>1951</u>	No. in <u>1952</u>	No. in <u>1953</u>	No. in <u>1954</u>	No. in <u>1955</u>
Number of home dem. clubs	16	17	15	17	17
Membership	342	357	267	349	382
Number of 4-H clubs	14	15	15	20	20
Membership	430	393	439	471	600
No. young men & women's clubs	1	1	0	0	1
Membership	40	40	0	0	20
No. Community Improvement Clubs	3	3	4	4	4
Membership	53	60	87	102	130

VII. HOW ORGANIZATIONS WILL STRENGTHEN THE EXTENSION PROGRAM IN 1955

No program is stronger than the group working in that program. We plan to use all possible groups in the county to promote and tell the Extension story. The more people informed and active in a program the stronger the program will be.

A. County Home Demonstration Committee

The County executive Committee and Council group will meet and make all County-wide plans to be promoted in 1955. This group will be in charge of all policy making activities and draft any new projects to be presented to the County Council for adoption. The County Council will meet two (2) times and the Executive Committee will meet four (4) times.

B. County Board of Agriculture

There is no County Board of Agriculture or other advisory or program planning group.

C. 4-H County Council

This group will meet three (3) times during the year. The 4-H Council will make all plans for County-wide meetings and projects.

D. County Honor Club

There is no organized Honor Club in the county, but plans are under way to organize one this year.

E. County All Stars

There is no organized group of All Stars in the County. The All Stars are encouraged to work with 4-H groups as leaders and to participate in adult groups.

VIII. PLAN FOR LEADERSHIP

A. Home Demonstration

	No. in <u>1951</u>	No. in <u>1952</u>	No. in <u>1953</u>	No. in <u>1954</u>	No. in <u>1955</u>
No. Project Leaders (subject matter)	48	51	77	80	113
No. federation goal chairmen	16	17	15	16	17
No. program development leaders	16	17	15	16	17
No. of result demonstrators	2	2	0	2	2
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by specialist	8	3	3	8	5
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by district agents	1	1	3	0	1

A. Home Demonstration (continued)

	No. in <u>1951</u>	No. in <u>1952</u>	No. in <u>1953</u>	No. in <u>1954</u>	No. in <u>1955</u>
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by agent	1	3	1	3	4
Attendance at training meetings	214	116	69	140	210
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	39	61	69	81	94
No. club meetings in which leaders assisted				27	53
Total number of demonstrations given by leaders		72	43	96	116
Total number of talks or discussions by leaders		8	26	30	46

The Home Demonstration Leaders will receive training through training meetings and special interest groups. The Clubs meeting in the evening will have special training for their leaders and two-thirds (2/3) of the regular meetings will be conducted by Club leaders.

B. 4-H Club

	No. in <u>1951</u>	No. in <u>1952</u>	No. in <u>1953</u>	No. in <u>1954</u>	No. in <u>1955</u>
No. 4-H Club Officers	70	75	112	121	137
No. adult project leaders	7	12	8	10	15
No. junior project leaders	7	11	16	27	30
No. result demonstrators	0	0	0	1	1
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by specialist	1	1	1	1	1
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by district agent	0	0	0	0	1
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by agent	1			1	2
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by personnel in 4-H Department	2			1	2
Attendance at leader training meetings	110	2	6	15	30

B. 4-H Club (continued)

	No. in <u>1951</u>	No. in <u>1952</u>	No. in <u>1953</u>	No. in <u>1954</u>	No. in <u>1955</u>
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	7		10	15	30
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	9		6	10	20
No. club meetings at which leader assisted				16	40
No. demonstrations given by adult leaders			3	10	20
No. demonstrations given by junior leaders	12		10	15	40

The officers and leaders will have one (1) training meeting on General 4-H Club Programs.

Subject matter meetings will be held on a number of projects.

County-wide Committees will be set up to plan all activities.

IX. WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES

A. Red Cross

Plan to work with the Red Cross in promoting a "Home Nursing Class".

B. Health Department

Plan to work with the Health Department on all County health promotions by informing the Club groups.

X. PLAN FOR DEVELOPING GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS

A. Elected Representatives

The elected representatives will receive information through news articles, and conversation with agent and Club members. The agent will make report to group this year.

B. General Public

The general public will get information through news articles, letters, window displays, fair exhibits, and such.

C. Co-Workers

The Extension agents will have regular office conferences to discuss the program and problems.

D. Commercial Interests

The agent will work with the Chamber of Commerce, Power Company, and any other group on request.

E. Other Professional Workers

The agent will work with the other workers in the county on any requests and furnish Extension materials when requested.

XI. PLAN FOR RECORDING PROGRESS AND EVALUATING PROGRAMS AS PLANNED FOR 1955

The agent will use Form 5 to keep daily records. Will also check Plan of Work regularly, and have all organized groups make a report at the end of the year.