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III. Contributions Of the Program To Better Family Living:

Following is a quotation from the 1949 Narrative Report:

"The years immediately following the war, the women spent doing the things that had to be done. These years went for things like repairing the roof. The past year took inventory of and did jobs like refinishing floors." But we may well take a paragraph, too, from the 1947 report: "All during the war the women were looking forward to the various activities which were not possible during wartime and rationing, but---a certain undreamed of emergency arose: The end of war did not bring the end of scarcity of commodities and supplies, and the labor for which they had waited was non-existent. Women have had of necessity to learn to do things which they have never before had to do."

Women in Lancaster County in 1950 have discovered that the new world in which they lived for a time is not a temporary one but the sort of world to which they must adjust or find themselves woeful misfits. Home Demonstration work has challenged them to make the adjustment and they have challenged Home Demonstration to help them make it. The fact is reflected in the year's work.

Lancaster is a small county and while it is not an agricultural area, it is definitely a rural one, having only one town and that of not more than 1900 population. Somewhat thickly populated as rural areas go, the total population is small comparatively speaking (5400 white and 3300 Negro) because the usual concentration into little towns does not occur here. One result has been deplorable overlapping and repetition in programs undertaken by church, school, agricultural agencies and civic groups. Extension workers have long felt a need for closer co-ordination and correlation of all these programs. Home Demonstration women have turned to this and to modern conveniences in their homes as key answers to situations with which they could not otherwise cope.

The year's outstanding achievement has lain in their answers, the most insignificant of which are probably the intangible ones. The Home Demonstration members, now made conscious of the deplorable waste of effort, of time, and of materials and equipment as well as of results, are tackling each new job with an eye to making it a community - or county-wide program. It is a change in thinking which will show results in years to come. The same women serve Parent-Teachers Association, Home

Demonstration, Mission Study Group, Sunday School, and so on and on. At last they are awake to the fact.

Seven organized^{W.M.} Clubs with 235 members met 86 times. An additional five groups with a membership of approximately 125 have held 47 meetings during the year. Forty-three Special Interest Groups met 158 times, but 14 of these held 103 of those meetings. Of these 43 groups, 37 have recognized leaders, that is, a person who may be contacted by the members or by the agent or other and be depended upon to attend to the matter in question. Because of this it is easier for them to arrange for a demonstration, for instance, and because it is easier and surer it is more frequently done.

Another development showing results throughout the year is the use of Program Chairmen. Each of the twelve clubs referred to, and each of the 37 Special Interest Groups has one. In the case of the latter, the Leader and the Program Chairman is usually one and the same person, but because they work with the specially appointed and trained chairmen from the clubs, they have some benefit of their training and experience. All told, 51 groups in the county have a person who, when one or more persons within the group indicate an interest in a given topic, feels a

responsibility to get this information to the agent and with her arrange to meet the request.

It is felt that each year Home Demonstration reaches more homemakers and with a more practical program. The two points just given, i.e. recognition of need and possibility to correlate and unify programs of work, and Program Chairmen to see that it is done, are the explanation.

Especially gratifying has been the work with the young homemakers, among these the War Brides now regular workers in Home Demonstration clubs, the DP women and especially the wives of the members of the GI classes, this latter made possible through the close co-operation of the instructor.

The 1950 report shows 234 demonstrations given to 1284 women. Leaders gave an additional 37 to groups, plus an estimated 415 given to one or more individuals in the home and passed on to someone indicating an interest. While there is a Negro Agent in the County and activities of Negro homemakers would not be reported here, mention may well be made of the fact that, since Negro communities are usually 100% Negro, while in the more rural sections

the communities which are predominately white and so would not have a Negro Home Demonstration Club nearby, do have here and there a Negro family. Requests from them which are referred to their own agent indicate that they listen to the Radio Broadcasts and that they read the weekly column on homemaking in the local paper.

Eighty news articles, 52 of which were the weekly subject-matter articles on homemaking, and 30 broadcasts have been prepared and released by the agent. Some of the topics used are: "Lawn Grass For 51", "House Those Pulletts", "Which Freezer Container?", "Churning Pointers", "Nylon Sewing Pointers", "Fight Insect Pests In Time", "Left-Overs or Planned Overs?".

Under Radio: Mrs. J. W. Chowning, 93 year old Home Demonstration Club member was interviewed by the agent on this Farm and Home Hour in January. Mrs. Chowning's line of thought was that today's busy housewives are spared many jobs she has known in her lifetime--producing, carding, spinning, weaving wool, cotton, flax; roasting, treating, storing coffee; the difference in cooking methods, laundry methods, etc.

In round numbers, there are 800 white farm families in Lancaster, 800 non-farm families, and 800 Negro families,

with a total population of 8,786. Studies made by Home Demonstration women in 1949 indicated that, of the 3000 - 3200 women and girls in these 1600 white homes, some 1600 were being reached directly or indirectly by some phase of the Home Demonstration program. Increased membership in clubs, interrelation of civic activities with Home Demonstration work, and increased use of radio has probably increased that number to something more than 2000 women in 1200 homes.

One long time objective not yet attained is to have every neighborhood organized for Home Demonstration work. While the goal has not been reached, there is only one neighborhood not touched by at least one of the groups listed above and some of these are undoubtedly growing toward organization.

IV. Adult

A. Project Work

In September '49, the first Floor Refinishing Demonstration was given in the county. During '50, a Refinishing Demonstration was given in each community. Five of these have been used throughout the year as Result Demonstrations in Finish and Care. A total of 164 floors have been refinished, most of these in older homes where floors have been problems. One home furnished

an especially interesting Result Demonstration: Built nearly 250 years ago, the floors are hard wood, for all they are pine! The living-dining room was done at an all-day demonstration, with the 93 year-old, whose home it is, seeing it well-done and commending the job as one that "made it look like it used to". Twenty women and three men, representing every corner of the county, did the work from beginning to end. In the two days following, three communicating floors were refinished by the family themselves. This has proven effective in "selling" the program as one within reach of anyone -- the "if-you-can-do-it-I-can-do-it-too" idea. The ease of maintenance as well as the beauty of these old boards, along with the 160 other floors done to date, plus some 50 - 75 new ones which escaped the formerly inevitable shellacing because of the way these hold up, make this the year's number one project.

When work began on the very first of the Refinishing demonstrations, another floor had to be selected at the last minute because the one originally selected was worm-eaten. Naturally interest was shown in how this would be handled. This was late in the fall of '49. During the past year this has been followed up and this building, together with a home in the opposite end of the county, selected for

use as Result Demonstrations in termite and wood-worm control. Following the recommendations from VPI and assisted by the staff there, one place has been treated and plans are being completed for the second. Because of this cost as compared with that of having it done, it is hoped that a large number can be persuaded to use this method in a section where dampness makes this a major problem, and termite "exterminators" have become something of a racket.

In co-operation with local building supply and wall-paper supply concerns, one of America's leading authorities of color lectured to a group of 50 Home Demonstration women on Color In the Home. The question and answer period which followed, and indeed which continues! showed gratifying interest and participation. The whole served as a refresher course for work done along the line in previous years.

In June the groups studied Frozen Desserts. Mr. Aull, of VPI, gave to a group of leaders the demonstration in basic mixes for ice cream. Coming as it did when Deep Freezes are being placed in so many homes, it seemed wise to keep this information before the public even after the series of actual demonstrations was completed.

This has been done with news articles, radio broadcasts and exchange of recipes (variations of the basic recipes tried and found good) at club meetings.

Few demonstrations other than to individuals have been given in Frozen Foods but consistent follow-up of '48 and '49 work has been practised. A series of news articles on vegetable and fruit varieties recommended, on methods of preparation, etc. have been used to keep before Freezer owners the help available through the Home Demonstration office. At the monthly meetings, a "What To Do This Month" period has been used for freezing activities as has been done always for poultry and garden activities. A series of demonstrations on Uses Of Frozen Foods is scheduled for early winter, as is a series of radio broadcasts on "Budgeting My Freezer Space".

Meanwhile a few of the veteran Home Demonstration members, with the help of Mrs. Thompson's releases along the line, and any other help they can corral are making an intensified study of what they call the "Pre-Prepared Meal" and "Pre-Prepared Dishes". Asked to comment on their progress, one replied, "Oh, we have already proven a body can't keep house without a Deep Freeze".

The young proprietress - dietician at a resort hotel in the county had been asking for help along this line and with homemade mixes. She has kept record as to results, and has plans for using them for the benefit of other homemakers at our '51 Achievement Program--already planned.

Approximately 125 families have Home Freezers. Another 125 have lockers in the plant at Kilmarnock. Of the 125 with Home Freezers, probably 75 - 100 have retained their rented locker. Indication that no one buys a freezer that is too big.

A series of demonstrations in Making Lampshades has resulted in the "rejuvenation" of some 50 - 60 shades, but biggest returns are observed in the satisfaction the homemaker receives from this plain shade in contrast to the type formerly used, and the effect that is having on selections made since then. The red roses are disappearing a few at a time!

Five clubs requested demonstrations in the selection and use of the electric ironer. One of the ironers used, a borrowed one, was never picked up, because when the dealer who had placed it for the meeting went for it, the homemaker told him she had used it once too often: She could not go back to a hand iron now.

Eight Special Interest Groups have asked for help with homemade electric brooders. This was not new territory, since these had considerable attention last year, an outgrowth of a 4-H project. The model designed by the REA representative and used by him with the 4-H Clubs last winter is still creating interest, and is being copied, in one case, brooder house and all.

The Ocran Club asked that their May demonstration be on Outdoor Fireplaces. It so happened that the meeting was held in the home of the president. The group was invited there again for the August meeting which is, annually, a picnic. The request for that demonstration was Outdoor Cookery. When the members arrived, they found the outdoor fireplace all completed, having been built by the homemaker herself, and all ready for the cooking to be done that afternoon. Few pieces of work introduced by Home Demonstration have had more favorable comment, or been more widely copied in the county than is that being, and the more because "a woman built it."

So widespread has been the popularity of Etched Aluminum Trays that it would seem hardly worth while to mention along with the year's achievements the fact that about 130 trays were made by the women, save that interest in this project proved great enough to result in the members

of four clubs each among themselves forming a Special Interest Group and making necessary preparation purely on their own initiative to make additional articles. It is a step toward which the agent has worked for seven years. Now that it has been taken, it is hoped that the Leader Training Program will find fresh impetus.

Average attendance at these Home Demonstration Club meetings has increased to 20.

B. Other

The Annual Planning meeting held on October 23 was attended by the outgoing President, the incoming President and the Program Chairman of every Club but one. Taylor's Creek did not have a representative, but had sent their requests as to program for the coming year. A somewhat different method was followed in this planning from any used by this committee previously. Each Program Chairman had her own notes, the agent had notes made during the year as various requests were made, and the District Agent had presented some ideas which seemed in keeping with the County's plans. These were listed on a mimeographed sheet, leaving space for the addition of other suggestions for the '51 program. Each person attending the Planning Meeting received one of these, discussed it as a group, made what additional notations

she would, then each checked the 12 subjects which seemed to her best suited for the '51 program. The Committee then took these as basis for their consideration and final selection.

When the matter of Farm and Home Accounts was presented at the Ottoman Club meeting in the hope of securing a family to keep the record requested for analysis, the agent must have made a good job of presenting the cause from the standpoint of the family, for each of nine younger women present at the time requested books and further help with accounts - in short - nine young women tackled the job then and there. Not so good was the job of selling the accounts for Blacksburg's use, however, for before the end of the summer all but one had backed out on the bargain. It is felt that the families had a certain aversion to having their affairs "aired" as it appeared to them they would be in the analyses. While the agent did explain carefully that no confidences would be betrayed, she used no coercion whatever, feeling that here was too good a chance to form some life-long habits of farm and home records to run the risk of begging too hard. Two of them are continuing, with repeated assurances that they will not be called for. It is suspected that there are others, and so general suggestions

are given at each meeting on account keeping. One couple is seeing it through, and, while it will not be a complete twelve months' record, it will be excellent training for another year, and, incidentally has already pointed out some significant facts to the two who hold the purse-strings.

The Annual Achievement Day Program was the occasion of the presentation to the county officials of the handmade United Nations Flag which had been made stitch by stitch by the Home demonstration women of the county. The full newspaper account of the ceremonies will be found on the next page.

The staff and stand for the flag were given by the American Legion Auxiliary.

A Public Forum, the schools, churches and others are using the flag almost continuously in programs having to do with UN activities.

Home Demonstration women planned, prepared, and carried out the Achievement Day plans without benefit of agent's help beyond the original committee meetings. The Rehoboth Club prepared and served the refreshments. Morattico, Ocran, Weems and Fleet's Bay Clubs each prepared an

UNITED NATIONS FLAG FOR COUNTY

Home Demonstration Women Make
Presentation At Lancaster
Thursday

The use of the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers", seemed a fitting way to begin ceremonies presenting to Lancaster County officials the United Nations Flag which the Home Demonstration women had made, stitch by stitch, as an expression of their faith in the idea that, just as 13 independent nations more than 170 years ago made of themselves one united nation, grown now into 48 United States, so could 50 independent nations succeed in their efforts to make of them the great United Nations.

Some 125 persons assembled in the Court Room at Lancaster on Thursday afternoon joined in the Devotionals led by Mrs. W. W. Wright. Mrs. Wright read selections bringing out the dependence of one upon another, the age old yearning for peace, and summarized the thoughts with the "many members, all one body" selection.

Miss Amelia Lankford, in introducing Miss Mary B. Settle, the speaker of the afternoon, pointed out that one thing which all nations have in common is the sense of need for and love for home. "Because it is the one thought which holds for everyone the same meaning, the home becomes the common ground upon which all can meet and commune". Miss Lankford said, "thus it is natural that its organization—the family—should be chosen as a pattern for the great world set-up."

Miss Settle, Home Improvement Specialist from V. P. I., spoke on "The Place of the Home in Establishing World Peace". Starting with a description of the dangers which beset primitive man, forcing the family to live as a unit, Miss Settle said that it did not take man long to see that the plan worked, and to carry it further, the families banded together to promote their common safety. These communities, finding friendly relations with neighbor communities more satisfying in the ultimate, grew into states and nations. It remained, she said, for the struggling colonies in America to take the daring step further and to form United States. That venture, she went on, was viewed with the same skepticism by other nations as is this newest and greatest experiment in human relationships, U. N. Miss Settle then spoke of the significance of the home in relation to the building of a home, pointing out our heritage in the houses

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in which had been carried on for generations successful experiments in those same principles of human relationships upon which we now strive to build this enlarged experiment: Loyalty to ones own ideals, and at the same time tolerance for another's; provision for ones own comfort while living without endangering that of fellow-members—simple consideration one for another, and concluded her remarks with the quotation from Fosdick, "The house we build we live in, but the home we build in the house is what we live for."

Here the audience, led by Mrs. Carroll Jones, county president, who presided, repeated their Homemakers' Pledge.

Delivered with dignity and deliberation, Mrs. Carroll Jones' presentation address was most impressive. We quote it in its entirety: "In all ages flags have been the beloved symbols of the hopes and aspirations of their peoples. Men living in times of peace have thrilled at sight of their country's banner, and men dying in war have rejoiced that by their deaths they have added somewhat to its glory.

"For more than 150 years our own Star Spangled Banner has symbolized the patriot dream immortalized in our noblest patriotic song, America the Beautiful. It is the flag of 48 separate states, united to protect freedom and democracy, government of the people, by the people and for the people, in each and every one of these 48 states, and now at long last the nations of the earth, heartened and encouraged by the success of our American experiment in union, have raised a new banner with which all America will become familiar this month.

"It is the flag of 50 separate nations united to protect freedom and democracy, government of the people, by the people and for the people in every member-nation the world over.

"So to see the flag of our United Nation's flying alongside the flag of our own United States will visualize to Americans as never before two supremely important facts new in most of our lives. The first is that, just as our American flag symbolizes a union to protect freedom and democracy for our own people, so the United Nations flag symbolizes a union to protect freedom and democracy for all people.

"It gives me great pleasure to present this United Nations flag to you on behalf of the homemakers of Lancaster. As loyal citizens of the United States we pledge our support to the United Nations, the one great hope for a peaceful world, with freedom and safety for all."

Randolph Smith, commonwealth's attorney, at the request of T. D. McGinnis, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, accepted the Flag for the county. Comparing the work of the Home Demonstration women in making this flag to Betsy Ross as she sewed on that first American flag so long ago, he expressed the hope and the belief that their faith in a cause, as hers, be as nobly justified. At this point as he unfurled the flag which Mrs. Jones had handed to him, and held it aloft beside Old Glory, the Kilmarnock High School Band, at attention on the Court Green, emphasized with the strains of Star Spangled Banner faith in government of the people, by the people and for the people.

A benediction offered by the Rev. Morton Townsend concluded the ceremony.

At the Woman's Club Building educational exhibits of certain phases of work done during the year by Home Demonstration groups were on display, and refreshments were served to the guests while these were being explained.

This United Nations Flag, now the property of the county, is for the use of organizations, groups or individuals interested in its use in any appropriate ceremony, and may be arranged for by contacting Miss Frances Curry, deputy treasurer. Miss Curry explains that no code of ethics for its use has been approved beyond this one strict instruction, that it be displayed only

with a United States Flag of comparable size, never by itself, and displayed in the same way, the United States Flag always placed first, removed last.

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educational exhibit of some skill acquired during the year. The Clubs named demonstrated in order listed: Etched Aluminum Trays, Floor Refinishing, Making Lamp Shades and Fabric Stenciling. These exhibits, each showing step by step how the certain job was done and what materials were used, were "manned" during the display hour by those same women who answered questions on the processes, materials, cost, etc.

V. 4-H Club

A. Certain problems having to do with the meetings had been so great that, at a conference with Superintendent and Principals, it was agreed to use an entirely new system for the in-school club meetings. Each home room beginning with the fifth grade and going through the seventh was to be organized as a 4-H Club, and a project equally suited to boys and girls selected. This gave in the county ^(from 3 to 4) ~~nine~~ such groups where there had been three and increased the membership from 172 to 321. Since these rooms already had their "Class Meetings" each having its own officers, the mechanics of the set-up were soon worked out. A project was presented to them for their approval and selection and apparently found interesting. Forestry--Tree Identification--was taken by everyone, boys and girls, for the year's project.

At each meeting instruction and demonstration was given, and something of an assignment in application or follow-up to be carried on before the next meeting. One fifth grade girl, on the plyboard which she secured for mounting her ten wood specimens, has attached the booklet in which she made 43 leaf prints of 43 different leaves from trees found in her community. These were classified as to uses, etc.

In addition to the Forestry, projects in homemaking were selected for the summer. Twenty-four girls carried further their Room Improvement begun the year before. One of these, a ten year old, did such a good job especially on her candlewick bedspread, that she was selected to enter the District contest. Drilled carefully on the points, the leaders had no fear for the results, as anxious as she was to do it "just so", but Richmond and the older girls and the strangers proved more than she could handle. Not once did she lift her hands during the demonstration-- or her eyes, even,--so that others could see. Very conscious of her failure, there was only one comment: She wanted to know if the same person ever tried a second year in a given contest. Assured that they did, she sighed contentedly and said, "That's all I want to know". Already she is at work on those plans.

Senior Clubs are working on a Rural Electrification Project for this winter. A demonstration in Light Reflection was used at the October meetings. Various types, colors and patterns of wall paper mounted on plywood were used as "walls", and the light reflections measured with a light meter. Questions asked by parents lead the agent to think it may be well to repeat the demonstrations for them. The papers used were selected from the stocks of the very dealers from whom they buy their wall papers. We are getting some results we had not dared hope for.

The County winner in the Clothing Contest received as a county award four yards of Nylon dress material. From these she made a dress and hat which she modeled in the District Dress Revue, winning Honorable Mention. This same girl was winner in the Frozen Foods Contest.

Three girls planned and served 58 meals, and the 24 girls working on Room Improvement cared for 26 rooms, mading or remodeling 74 rugs and pieces of furniture.

Two Scholarships to Jamestown Camp were offered as in the past by Home Demonstration Clubs, and a third as a memorial to a former 4-H member.

While Rural Youth was not again selected as Federation

Goal, the Rural Youth Committee is continuing, with a representative in each Club. Sponsored by this group, led by their County Chairman, two Square Dances were given for 4-H members and their friends. Instruction was given in Square Dancing and Folk Dancing.

Held annually in May, the Hobby Show has come to be a definite part of the year's program, yet a heavy rain-storm the afternoon and evening the Show was held this year had disastrous effect both on the number of entries and on attendance. Even so, some 200 people came out to see forty-odd hobbies exhibited.

The Christmas Sing, sponsored each year by the Lancaster Woman's Club for 4-H members was this year as usual a beautiful affair indeed, as well as one in which everyone lustily participated.

Twelve 4-H members and one Leader attended Jamestown Camp, and eight attended Short Course at Blacksburg. One Leader with five girls attended Conservation Camp at Holiday Lake.

Significant among the responsibilities assumed by Home Demonstration members is that of providing transportation where needed, thus making possible attendance at the various affairs sponsored by and for 4-H.

The annual picnic was held this year with 4-H members from the entire Northern Neck. Between 400 and 500 members from the four counties traveling in eight busses held their picnic at Westmoreland Park in July. Even for Tidewater youth, swimming was favorite, but contests, including a greased pig, were popular, as was the picnic dinner.

VI. Older Youth

The Irvington Club is composed entirely of young homemakers. They have not yet come to follow the Plan of Work set by the older groups for themselves, asking each month that, at the next meeting, they take up some topic that they find more than ordinarily puzzling—or interesting. For example, "Can you help us get the mixer habit", meaning that many of them have electric mixers but have not yet come to use them frequently enough or skillfully enough to make them the real labor savers they might be. Another request had to do with Homemade Mixes. Many had to do with children's clothing.

A group of young homemakers at Weems requested special help in Clothing Construction, with reference to children's clothing in particular. During the summer months nine young mothers met weekly to learn the fundamentals in fabric selection, pattern selection and adjustment, cutting, fitting, and finishes, including bound buttonholes, set-in pockets, hemming techniques,

pressing, and so on. Individual requests received from these since the conclusion of the series of twelve periods reminds one of the possibility that the requests did not come earlier because they did not know enough to call for or use help. Definitely they use it now.

Asked to speak to the young women's Mission Group on Local Housing, the agent explained to the thirty-odd young women that the topic they were discussing was the Federation Goal for Home Demonstration and that some of them were Home Demonstration members--why not pool our efforts. As a result, the group has interested a similar group elsewhere in the county and with the help of the young ministers who are most hopeful about the possibilities in what is growing into a countywide movement.

Through the Veterans' Instructor, and especially following a talk with his boys and their wives on Storage, requests for individual and for group instruction have increased to such an extent that one club, Rehoboth, has a special "Question and Answer" period following each Club meeting. The time agreed upon was thought favorable because these younger ones might feel freer to speak up than during the regular session.

VII. Scope Of Work

	1948	1949	1950
Number Home Demonstration Clubs or Groups	28	49	51
Membership	300	475	520
Number 4-H Clubs	5	5	11
Membership	172	172	131
Number Older Youth Groups	0	4	3
Membership	0	46	54
Number of other families reached	1028	1050	1200
Total families reached	1500	1697	2000

VIII. Function Of Home Demonstration Committee

The agent has felt that activities and results achieved in the past by the County Committee have been limited more by her demands upon them, her challenges and her incorporation of their resources into the over-all county program than by any limitations within the committee. Her effort to improve this condition has met with gratifying success. Only two meetings of the entire committee were held in '50. Attendance was most gratifying at each. Numerous meetings of the Executive Committee were held, and much routine and detail work formerly referred to the larger group was disposed of by them. An example of this would be the appointment of committees and other details preparatory to the Achievement Day Program worked out and presented for their approval, thus giving a better finished plan, and much more time at the fall

meeting for actual program planning.

The newly elected president served as county president in 1943. A young homemaker and mother who puts home and family first, and still finds time to take an active interest in church, school and Junior Woman's Club, she is an ideal person for County Home Demonstration leader. Already the force of her youth and vision are being felt.

II. Activities Of Volunteer Leaders.

Training and use of volunteer leaders is the weakest point of the entire program in the county, and the past year reflects little if any improvement. There are other reasons why the Volunteer Leader Program in Lancaster might never be the strongest, but the chief weakness is on the part of the agent. She is not strong in the line of training and developing and especially poor in systematic use after they are trained.

GROWTH OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB PROJECT LEADERSHIP	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
No. project leaders and goal chairmen	31	34	35
No. training meetings held			
By Specialist	3	1	2
By Agent	12	6	3
Attendance at all training meetings	70	51	76
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	12	27	44
No. club meetings at which leaders assisted	17	32	168

GROWTH OF 4-H PROJECT LEADERSHIP	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
No. adult project leaders	14	21	21
No. junior project leaders	2	4	5
No. training meetings held			
By Specialist	2	0	0
By Agent	28	21	6
Attendance at leader training meetings	72	105	23
No. 4-H Leaders trained individually	4	21	21
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	14	49	12
No. club meetings at which leaders assisted	21	56	8
No. demonstrations given			
By Leaders	73	79	41
By Adult	58	61	35
By Junior	15	18	6

I. Work In Co-operation With Other Agencies

Reference has already been made to work with church and civic groups. Correlation of the 4-H and Girl Scout Programs have proven most satisfactory. Recognizing the weakness of 4-H's Leadership Program, the agent has helped these other groups with crafts, etc. and they in turn have interwoven their programs in such a way as to help with the leadership phases. They are conducting the Bookmobile Surveys together. The Public Health Department has been especially helpful, and the close relationship has resulted in better understanding and more practical use of that service in Lancaster homes. The County Home Demonstration Chairman is a member to the County Board of Health. Civic organizations, in planning their welfare programs ask the opinion and suggestions of the agent. Just as our leadership program is weak, the Home Demonstration may well pride themselves on the relationship existing with other agencies.

XI. Significance Of Year's Work

The most significant things about Home Demonstration work in Lancaster County may be listed in the following order:

1. The men and women of the county look upon it as a public service which they benefit from in proportion to the demands they make upon it.
2. It has to do with every phase of homemaking. It is as practical as the use to which they put it.

The year 1950 can certainly claim progress toward if not complete attainment of the attitude "If she can do it, I can too." The work in crafts -- basketry, aluminum etching, handmade lamp shades, chair caning, etc. helped to create it. The Floor Refinishing Program begun in '49, and still growing is just as much a reflection of this change in attitude as of skills acquired. Each skill acquired paves the way for another.

The County President, when asked what she considered the outstanding achievement, said, "The U.N. Flag. It has educated and inspired practically every man, woman and child in this county. Judging from comments and references made on every hand, if the Home Demonstration set-up had done absolutely nothing else in 1950, it would still have been rich returns on investment."