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I. Highlights of the 1958 Program

Home Demonstration work in the county made a definite contribution to better rural living during 1958. The summary of Home Demonstration work in the county for 1958 is a story of growth - growth in the number of people who took part in extension activities; growth in strength of leadership; and growth in scope and vision of the program. The program has made a definite contribution to better homemaking, better rural family living, and a general improvement in the attitude of the public toward extension.

Adult leadership showed a definite improvement over previous years. Gradually the number and efficiency of leaders are improving but we still need more capable leaders to do a really good job. We feel that the State Advisory Board Meeting that was held in the County this year went a long way toward improving extension interest in the County.

The cooperative spirit among all of the county workers that was needed to make the State Advisory Board Meeting a success also helped to promote better public relations toward the extension program. The assistance of an efficient part-time secretary has also aided in promoting the extension program. In importance is agriculture. Many farms are operated on a part-time or residential basis by persons who are engaged in other work. Field crops, livestock, poultry, poultry products, vegetables and forestry products constitute the main sources of income.

Seasonal employment at the cannery at Walkerton and Warsaw take many of the housewives away from home. Domestic employment takes about one half of the women away from home at some time during the year.

In planning the program the needs and interest of the people were considered. The program resulted from surveys, observations made during home visits, conference with professional workers and lay people, suggestions made at group meetings by club leaders, reports made by program development leaders and through discussion with individuals and groups.

Other conditions considered in planning the program were sparsity of population in some communities. This makes it necessary to have more home demonstration clubs with smaller enrollments to reach more people. The religious habits of the people and the interest in Civic and social affairs had a definite effect on the planning of the program. Also considered were size of the families, educational status, whether or not the housewife works, transportation facilities available and the standard of living in general.

In order to improve the overall living conditions in the County the Home Demonstration Committee agreed to continue with the long time goal of Better Housing and the recently added goal of Reaching More People.

III. County Extension Program - Adult

A. Organization

1. County Advisory Board

The County Advisory Board is composed of men and women representatives from each community. This group serves both the farm and home agent in an advisory capacity. At the beginning of the year the plans of work of both agents are discussed with the group and at the end of the year the extension program is evaluated.

The County Advisory Board entertained approximately 200 agents and delegates in a two day state meeting in September of this year.

2. General Interest Committees

These committees composed of five men and women from all over the county were appointed by the Advisory Board to help to carry out the extension program and to further publicize the work. The committees are:

1. Poultry Committee
 2. 4-H Club Committee
 3. Home Grounds Beautification Committee
3. Home Demonstration Committee

The Home Demonstration Committee is composed of the presidents, secretaries and program development leaders of each home demonstration club. This group

is responsible for planning the monthly projects and county wide activities of home demonstration work. The committee usually holds two regular meetings per year.

B. Project Work

1. Foods and Nutrition

The food projects carried by the clubs were Simple Club Refreshments and Low Cost Main Dishes. The main objectives of these two projects were: to teach the homemaker how to prepare party sandwiches, party salads and a punch, show the homemaker how to prepare ahead simple foods to serve small groups; teach the homemaker how to prepare appetizing dishes with the cheaper cuts of meats, and how to save time and money by using casserole dishes.

Leader training meetings were held to train leaders how to fix party sandwiches, salad, punch and a simple inexpensive casserole dish that could be made ahead of serving time. In most instances the leader at whose house the club would meet during that particular month was asked to take the training. She then served the dishes she had been trained to demonstrate at the club meeting as her refreshments. The flannelgraph was used to illustrate what could be

served with a casserole to complete the meal. At all meetings mimeographed recipes and other bulletins were passed out to club members and visitors.

As a result of the "Food Comes First" program that was being stressed during March a survey was made of adults in the county to determine if their diets included enough milk. This phase of the food project had been emphasized in the program during 1957. Check sheets prepared by Miss Janet Cameron, Food and Nutrition Specialist were used. The survey was conducted by the agent and leaders. Results showed that only about one half of the adults checked received adequate milk. Larger families with more children used less milk than smaller families. More homemakers are using fry milk than before as a result of the demonstrations last year on Using More Milk. The survey showed that a slightly higher per cent of homemakers are using more milk this year than last. This phase of the program needs to be stressed more, as well as other phases of the Nutritional Program.

2. Clothing

Projects worked on for this phase of the program were Planning and Buying Children's Clothing and Buying Women's Dresses and Suits. The main objectives

of these projects were to teach the homemaker to make and follow a clothing budget; to teach the points to look for and observe when buying garments for herself and family members.

Some of the leaders had been trained two years ago by Miss Iva B. Johnson, Clothing Specialist on Buying Women's Dresses and Suits. Club members were asked to bring a frequently worn garment that had been bought recently to club meeting. They were then asked to tell why one garment was worn often and one seldom worn. When all of the members had done this most of the points on buying had been given. Garments were examined to show the types of finishes on expensive and inexpensive garments. Materials were compared; shopping areas and stores were discussed to determine what affects the prices of clothing. All of the club members agreed that after such thorough discussions on buying they felt more qualified to buy suitable and practical clothing for themselves and family members.

Garment Construction was carried out in two special interest groups with forty-two club members. These special interest groups were formed when it was found that the younger club members preferred sewing while

the older members preferred some other activity. These groups met in three all day meetings over a period of three months. Six clothing leaders assisted the agent. Quality of work showed a marked improvement over previous years. Approximately thirty garmets were completed.

3. Home Management

The Home Management project worked on was Buying Small Electrical Appliances. The objectives of this project were to teach the homemaker what to look for when buying electrical appliances, and how to use and care for appliances.

Appliances discussed were the ones most frequently used, such as, toaster, wiffls iron, mixer, percolator, and sandwich grills. Several of these were borrowed and compared and discussed in club meetings. Mimeographed material on how to buy and care for these appliances were given to club members. Members stated that they felt more qualified to select and buy the appliances best suited to their needs.

4. House Furnishings

House Furnishings projects in the program included Window Treatment, Arranging Living Room Furniture and

Kitchen Arrangement. The main objectives of these projects were to teach the homemaker the proper lengths and materials to use in selecting curtains and draperies; assist the homemaker with suggestions on what to do with problem windows and assist the homemaker with arranging living rooms and kitchens for convenience and beauty.

Slides borrowed from Miss Ruth Jamison, House Furnishings Specialist, were used to show the homemakers various problems in window styling and how to correct them. A window treatment kit borrowed from Sears, Roebuck was used to illustrate various styles of curtains, draperies and blinds and materials used for each. Homemakers stated that they learned a great deal from this project. Three persons have made draperies and four have made kitchen curtains using the information gained from this project.

Living Room arrangement was carried out in the homemaker's home where the club meeting was held. The following points were considered: Size of room, size and style of furniture, traffic lanes, and scale, balance and porportion. A question and answer period was conducted after each demomstration so that home makers would know why a piece of furniture was moved.

This project was very helpful especially to the young homemakers who have new homes or who are planning to build.

Kitchen arrangement was carried out using the method given by Miss Iverson, Home Management Specialist, in a training meeting two years ago. Even though there had been quite an improvement in kitchens during the past two years, there are still persons who have their refrigerators in the hallway or dining room and the wood box and water on the porch. Club members were asked to draw a floor plan of their kitchen and trace the steps used to prepare breakfast. They were then asked to rearrange their kitchens on paper using suggested changes and prepare the same meal. It is too soon to measure any noticeable results but evidences indicate that there will be quite a few improved kitchens.

5. Health

Health projects included Personal Health and Good Grooming, Community Health and Home Safety and Mental Health. Objectives of these projects were to encourage homemakers to be more mindful of personal health habits and to practice cleanliness at all times; encourage

homemakers to realize the danger areas in the home and correct them; assist the homemaker to become more familiar with all health services and facilities in the State and county; and enable homemakers to have a better understanding of mental illness and the principles of mental hygiene.

The flannelgraph and posters were used along with group discussions to present the material on Health and Safety. Results of the safety project will be discussed under group projects.

6. Special Interest

Slip Cover

Six leaders were trained in a three day slip cover clinic at the home of Mrs. Rachel Harvey, King William. Leaders were taught how to select, measure, cut and fir material. Leaders were also taught how to cut a continuous bias and how to cover walt. A sofa bed and an overstuffed chair were completed in two meetings.

Metal Tray Stenciling

Two groups of twenty club members completed twenty-two trays in two special interest group meetings. These meetings were conducted by Mrs. Dinah Gresham and

Mrs. Zemoria Washington, who were trained by Miss Catherine Peery, Rural Arts Specialist.

C. Community Projects

King William, Beulahville, Port Richmond and Rumford Home Demonstration Clubs gave baskets of food to the aged in the various communities at Thanksgiving and Christmas. In addition, Churchview Club gives monthly donations to all sick persons in the community. To finance this they hold monthly programs in the community school. In addition, to financing their project these programs serve to further acquaint the public with extension work. All clubs contributed to the health drives such as Infantile Paralysis, Tuberculosis, Cancer and Red Cross.

A county-wide "Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up" campaign was conducted by the Home Grounds Beautification Committee in March. Early in the month check sheets were sent out to club members, non-members, and farmers. These sheets listed a number of things that each family could do to participate in the campaigns. These persons were asked to check what they did during the Month and return the sheets by the middle of April. This project was very successful. Approximately 350

of these sheets were sent out with approximately seventy-five per cent reporting some improvement. As a result of the Campaign the Carter-Braxton Club purchased new personalized signs for all of the mail boxes in their community. All twenty-five families received the signs bought with money raised through the home demonstration club. The signs are made of rust-proof aluminum and have light reflecting letters that are easy to read day or night.

D. Community Club

The Mt. Olive Community Club continues to progress slowly. A program calendar set three years ago based on their needs and interest is still being used. Projects emphasized were Home Grounds Beautification, Electricity, Water Systems, Poultry and Home Gardens. The Home Grounds Beautification project has created a great deal of interest. As a result of the "Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up" campaign many families improved their homes and surroundings. The following accomplishments were noted this year:

1 home bought

9 homes remodeled or repaired

4 families improved their lawns

4 families purchased labor saving devices

4 families bought new furniture

Because of the low income of the families in this community progress continues, but at a slow rate. We feel that until we can work out some means of increasing the income of these families the desired results will be slow in materializing.

E. Other Activities

1. National Home Demonstration Week

National Home Week was celebrated by the clubs in a county-wide luncheon sponsored by the Churchview Home Demonstration Club. After lunch games were played with prizes presented to winners. The luncheon was well attended by non-members as well as club members.

2. State Advisory Board Meeting

Approximately 200 agents and delegates attended a two day meeting in the County in September. The first meeting was held at Third Union Baptist Church, King William. In the afternoon the groups toured the following homes: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones, whose interest is poultry, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. White, florist and Mr. and Mrs. Lercy McAllister, Home Improvement. The meeting on the second day was held at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, West Point. History of home demonstration work

and farm demonstration work were given by the agents. Progress reports of community development work were given by delegates from various counties in the State.

3. Judging Done By Local Leaders

Four leaders assisted the agent with judging exhibits at the Gloucester County Fair in October. These leaders had received training from specialists in a judging school held at Virginia State College in May. Leaders who received the training were:

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Mrs. Zemoria Washington | - 4-H Group Exhibits |
| Mrs. Lenora Harris | - Foods |
| Mrs. Dinah Gresham | - Arts and Crafts |
| Mrs. Louanna Gaines | - Clothing |

These leaders state that the training received has not only helped them at home but has enabled them to be better project leaders in the fields in which they were trained.

F. Urban Work

West Point, the only town in the County is urban in its sociological structure. There is one organized home demonstration club which meets at irregular intervals. Because the needs and interest of the people are slightly different from the rest of the county it is necessary to

change the program calendar for them. Their main interests center around home improvement, house furnishings, clothing construction, and other special interest problems. They are always invited to attend leader training meetings, special interest groups and other county-wide meetings. Even though their interests are different the members of this club usually cooperate with the County Program.

IV. Farm and Home Development

A. Problems encountered most often:

No. families

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| <u>Record Keeping and Budgeting</u> |
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| 2 |
| _____ |
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B. Subject Matter Areas and Assistance Given.

| | Short-Time Goals | Long-Time Goals | Outlook Information | Buying Information | Improved methods and Practices | Demonstrations | Specialist Assistance |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Foods and Nutrition</u> | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| <u>Vegetable Gardening</u> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Clothing</u> | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| <u>Housing</u> | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Home Management</u> | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| <u>House Furnishings</u> | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| <u>Yard Improvement</u> | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <u>4-H Club</u> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

C. Progress Stories

The two families worked with through the farm and home development approach are the Joseph Gresham family and the Benjamin Moore family.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Moore and their son Benjamin, Jr. decided on a family plan that called for their combined efforts to first develop their farm to its capacity and then work toward improving the house. Through a plan worked out by the Soil Conservationist and the farm agent, the Moore's can point with pride to their farm products. Most of the farm work was done by Benjamin, Jr. a 4-H club member. As a result he won the state award last year for his soil conservation project. Mrs. Moore's long time goal for the house include a complete water system, new furniture, refinishing the floors and landscaping the home grounds. In the meanwhile she keeps her home freezer full of vegetables from the home garden and also sell to the neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gresham and their five children continue to work to complete their new cinder block home. Mr. Gresham is an employee of the paper and pulp mill at West Point and a part time farmer. Mrs. Gresham has been supplementing the family income with part time jobs

as a Practical Nurse. Three of the children are 4-H club members and have carried projects in connection with the families long and short time goals. One goal that was started last year and is being continued is landscaping the home grounds. Another goal started this year is a pressure water system. The other goals are completing the basement and construction of a poultry house.

V. County Extension Program - Youth

There were nine 4-H clubs in the county with an enrollment of 129 girls and 133 boys. One of these clubs, the Mt. Olive Progressive Club is composed of nine teen-aged girls who meet once a month after school. One other club, the Carter-Braxton Club also meets after school. All of the other clubs meet in the school. For the past four years there has been no organized club in the high school. Therefore, it is desirable to have more community clubs in order to reach more of the older girls and boys.

A. Organization

1. County 4-H Council

The 4-H Council consists of officers of all the

4-H clubs in the county. This group is responsible for training all officers in parliamentary procedure and assisting with other county wide 4-H activities.

2. 4-H Project Planning Committee

This committee is composed of leaders, representatives from each 4-H club, parents, and other interested persons. The girls projects are selected by this committee. Prior to the 4-H planning meeting projects and project requirements are discussed in regular club meeting so that club members are able to make wise selections.

B. Project Work

The projects selected by the 4-H planning committee were: Looking Your Best, Safety and Home Grounds Beautification. These projects were developed into group projects and were carried by the boys and girls. Boys and girls were encouraged to enter the "Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up" campaign along with their parents as a part of the safety and home grounds beautification projects. The two Community Clubs selected Meal Planning and Preparation and Room Improvement as their group projects. In these two clubs more results were obtained because the girls were older and because of active adult leaders.

Cora Thurston, Age 16, a member of the Mt. Olive Progressive Club did an outstanding job in her Frozen Foods project. Cora has carried this project for two years. This year she froze 144 quarts of vegetables and 464 pounds of meat and fish. All of the vegetables and most of the meat were raised on her parent's farm by her father who is a teacher and a part time farmer. Cora estimates that she has saved her family a total of \$150.00 for the two years she has carried a frozen foods project.

C. Other Activities

1. National 4-H Club Week

All of the clubs invited their parents to a special meeting in celebration of National 4-H Club Week. At this meeting members told of their 4-H accomplishments and what they had gotten out of 4-H club work. This special meeting helped to increase parental interest in 4-H club work .

2. Rural Life Sunday

Rural Life Sunday was observed at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Rev. Cornelius Johnson, Pastor of the church was guest speaker. Music was furnished by 4-H club boys and girls. Five of the nine clubs had a part on the program.

VI. Scope of Work

A.

| | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. HD Clubs or Groups | 12 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| Membership | 209 | 215 | 222 | 220 | 220 |
| No. 4-H Clubs | 8 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 9 |
| Membership | 352 | 336 | 311 | 267 | 262 |
| No. YMW Clubs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Membership | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No. Community Clubs | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Membership | 22 | 30 | 44 | 46 | 48 |
| No. Home Ec. Committees | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No. General Interest Committees | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| No. Youth Committees | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No. Other Organizations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No. Farm & Home Dev. Families | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| No. Other families reached | 289 | 102 | 115 | 349 | 362 |
| No. Different families reached | 320 | 212 | 236 | 261 | 298 |

B.

To increase the scope of work and to further publicize home demonstration work, news articles of events and accomplishments were sent to the local paper. Non-club members were invited to attend club meetings, special interest and to take an active part in the county wide Clean-Up Campaign. Committees were formed in unorganized communities to assist with food and housing of the State Advisory Board Delegates. Other professional workers in the County were invited to planning meetings, conferences and county wide activities. The agent attended regular P. T. A. meetings and participated in various Church activities.

VII. Leadership

A. Contributions of Leaders to the Program

1. Organizational

One of the major objectives in the county has been to develop a more efficient leadership program. The organizational leaders are responsible for carrying out the correct parliamentary procedures at each meeting. Clubs are encouraged to reelect officers each year to give all members a chance for active participation.

2. Program Development

The program development leader is the main contact between the agent and the other club members. These leaders are sensitive to the needs and interest of their communities and the assistance needed from the extension program. The program development leaders conduct club meetings in the absence of the agent.

3. Subject Matter

Subject matter assist the agent in all demonstrations. They attend the leader training meetings and give the information to the club members with and without the agent's assistance.

B. Growth of Leadership

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Overall Program Leaders | <u>No. 1957</u> | <u>No. 1958</u> |
| | <u>116</u> | <u>129</u> |

2. Home Demonstration Club Leadership

| | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 |
|-----------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. organizational leaders | 0 | 0 | 62 | 62 | 64 |
| No. project leaders (subject matter) | 42 | 48 | 56 | 58 | 68 |
| No. Federation program of work chairmen | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| No. program development leaders | 12 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| No. result demonstrations | 12 | 12 | 16 | 17 | 22 |
| No. training meetings by specialists | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| " " " " dist. agents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| " " " " agent | 8 | 6 | 12 | 16 | 16 |
| " " " " others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Attendance at all training meetings | 78 | 27 | 68 | 114 | 117 |
| No. meetings held without an agent | 8 | 19 | 32 | 36 | 49 |
| No. meetings leaders assisted | 15 | 37 | 72 | 78 | 98 |
| Demonstrations by leaders | 13 | 16 | 30 | 38 | 41 |
| Talks and discussions by leaders | 3 | 11 | 20 | 23 | 32 |

| 3. Overall Youth Leaders | No. 1957 | No. 1958 |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 116 | 132 |

4. 4-H Club Leadership

| | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. Club officers | 56 | 63 | 51 | 55 | 68 |
| No. adult project leaders | 16 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 27 |
| No. junior project leaders | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| No. result demonstrations | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| No. training meetings by specialists | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| " " " " dist. Agent | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| " " " " agent | 9 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 10 |
| " " " " members club dept. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| " " " " others | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total attendance at ldr. training meetings | 72 | 24 | 49 | 62 | 48 |
| No. 4-H leaders trained individually | 12 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 13 |
| No. club mtgs. held by ldr w/out agent | 8 | 12 | 24 | 27 | 30 |
| No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted | 12 | 15 | 21 | 72 | 49 |
| No. demonstrations given by adult ldrs | 3 | 12 | 12 | 66 | 47 |
| No. " " " junior ldrs | 0 | 0 | | 4 | 5 |

C. Activities of an Outstanding Leader

Mrs. Lenora Harris, of the Carter-Braxton Home Demonstration Club has been outstanding in promoting extension

work in her community. Mrs. Harris is an active Advisory Board member, and is the vice-president of the Home Demonstration Committee. In planning for the State Advisory Board meeting Mrs. Harris was most outstanding. She was county-wide chairman of the Housing Committee. She was responsible for her community participating one hundred per cent in extension work. It was under her leadership that the Carter-Braxton community was able to purchase mail box signs. Mrs. Harris attended all of the leader training meetings and actively participated in all of the club meetings. She is responsible for transporting members to club meetings, committee meetings, advisory board meetings and other extension activities. Mrs. Harris is a result demonstrator in home improvement and yard improvement. During the year she enclosed a part of her back porch to make a down stairs bedroom and built a closet in an upstairs bedroom. She and her husband also bought storm doors and windows. As suggested by the farm agent Mrs. Harris enlarged her back yard and improved the view by planting a flower bed.

It is felt that Mrs. Harris has done much to further the growth of extension work in Carter-Braxton community.

D. Activities of an Outstanding Family

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Harvey, King William, have been outstanding in their contributions to extension. Mrs. Harvey is president of the home demonstration club and a member of the advisory board. Mr. Harvey is also an active member of the advisory board. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey are farm owners and operators and raise approximately 800 laying hens. Mrs. Harvey freezes enough vegetables, fruits and meats from the farm to carry them through the year.

This year the Harveys, as a result of the "Clean-Up Campaign", painted their home on the outside, enlarged their back yard, built a barbecue pit, and made plans to install a heating system. A new set of slip covers for her living room furniture was the result of a clinic held at Mrs. Harvey's home. Mrs. Harvey was county wide food chairman and Mr. Harvey was co-chairman of the Planning Committee for the state advisory board meeting.

E. Activities of a Club

The Carter-Braxton Club was the outstanding Club. Members participated one hundred per cent in all extension activities. Leaders attended all leader training meetings, advisory board meetings and other county wide activities.

Two of the club members are active 4-H club leaders for the community 4-H club. The spirit of cooperation of the persons in this club helped to make the community the most outstanding in the county.

F. Significant Achievement of Extension

The State Advisory Board Meeting was the greatest achievement in extension. Plans were made in 1956 to invite the State Meeting in 1959. The county felt that they needed three years to plan an activity this large. However, they were able to work out their plans for 1958. Housing was the biggest problem. A county wide housing committee was formed with a county chairman and a co-chairman in each community. Every community including the unorganized, was included. By doing this we were able to work out a housing arrangement that placed delegates in all of the communities in the county. It is felt that this helped extension greatly. Many persons who had not worked with extension cooperated and it has been found that the scope of extension was broadened considerably. The Food Committee was organized and worked in the same manner.

II. Progress in Developing Public Relations

A. Co-Workers

Weekly conferences were held with the farm agent on plans for the week, special activities and evaluation of the extension program. The secretary was included in conferences and extension plans.

B. General Public

Persons in the County were welcomed in the extension office during office hours. All persons were made welcome at all extension activities.

C. Other Professional Workers

Other professional workers were invited to attend the county planning meeting. Prior to the planning meeting various problems were discussed with these persons and their suggestions were presented to the planning committee. Professional workers were invited to participate on extension programs.

D. Elected Representatives

All county officials were invited to attend the State Advisory Board Meeting. Some of them attended and had a place on the program.

X. Professional Improvement

The agent attended the agent's conference at Virginia State College; read and studied recent magazines and research materials on home economics and extension information. The agent attended agent's group meeting and agent's training meetings.

XI. The assistance of an efficient part-time secretary has been a great help in improving extension work in the office. No work has been done to improve the office.

XII. The Look Ahead

At the completion of the year's work the agent feels that the extension program has made a definite contribution to better homemaking, better rural living, and a general improvement in the attitudes of the public toward extension. More people were included in the extension program. We would like to do the following things to build up a stronger extension another year:

1. Reach more different families.
2. Organize more community 4-H Clubs to reach teen-agers.
3. Get more active 4-H leaders.
4. Encourage more subject matter leaders to give demonstrations.
5. Plan more county-wide activities.

These things we feel will help to make a broader more concrete extension program in the county.

This report cannot be completed until it has been noted that whatever amount of success has been attained has been due largely to the guidance, teaching and cooperation of the supervisors of Virginia Agricultural Extension Service at Blacksburg and Virginia State College; staff of local farm and home agents and the staff of extension specialists.
