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III Warwick County is essentially a suburban community with about 60% of the 43,000 population in this classification. Most of the other 20% would be classed as non-rural; i.e. they might live in the rural areas but not on the 146 bona-fide farms in the county. The fact that very few of our home demonstration club women live on these farms has resulted in a program which does not have a typical rural slant nor carry out many of the projects which are of so much value in a rural community.

The county is growing rapidly with new housing developments and private building going on continually. This is because of an influx of people from the surrounding areas and parts of the state for work at the local army and air installations and the ship yard. We have lost more good members and leaders than we have gained.

The rise in prices and the abundant opportunities for working have caused many women to work to increase the family income. This has also had its effect on the extension program by the loss of good members and leaders, and the request for night home demonstration clubs. If not tied down by responsibilities, energetic leaders are the first to start working outside the home.

IV Contributions to better family living can be listed under the headings of the over-all objectives of the year's program which are:

- A. Better Buymanship. 250 Women reported they were more critical of labels and guarantees than before. This over-all goal was used last year, with 180 women reporting help on buying. This contribution was emphasized in the programs on:
  1. Lines in dress--reading labels and noticing construction

2. ~~Curtains~~ Curtains and Drapes--qualities in materials and work
3. Menu planning--buying a balanced diet for the least money

210 women reported help on this

4. Better lighting for your money

B. Better techniques in Homemaking. This contribution to home life was made through help in

1. Sewing and tailoring-- 15 in organized classes last year and 42 this.
2. Use of ~~sewing~~ sewing machine attachments-- 10 small groups of 4 each were taught by actually working on the attachments.
3. How to clean ~~sewing~~ sewing machines-- 13 women attended this workshop
4. Curtains and Drapes--program given by leaders showing methods
5. Pies and Pastries-- program given by leaders. 135 members reported using the pastry mix.
6. Refinishing furniture-- special interest groups with 79 pieces of furniture re-done.
7. Caning-- 10 women report work on chairs
8. Stools-- about 100 women finished 155

C. Better Family Relationships

1. Recreation helps for community and family gatherings
2. Child guidance--through club reports and extra meetings
3. Health of the family-- club reports and films

V Adult Work

A. Project work

1. Clothing

- a. Better buying was stressed in the program on "Lines in Dress."

Different type labels and guarantees were quoted and important fitting and structural points given so that women would know what they paid for when buying dresses. At this meeting, two women in each club reported on results of making an inventory of clothing on hand either for herself or children. This caused many "make-overs" and the surprising fact was realized that a new dress often wasn't necessary.

b. How to sew and tailor were the objectives in organized classes held in March and October. Demonstrations, model practice, criticisms and some actual work were methods used during the 2-hour sessions. Most of the sewing was done at home, except in one small day group.

The women prefer the shorter class because they can sew at home in their leisure time. Here is a summary of the results of the work:  
 22 cotton dresses cost \$46.74...valued at \$66.00 profit..\$20.00  
 This shows a saving of about \$1.60 on each dress which isn't too much, and perhaps not worth the makers' time unless she wanted to learn or was hard to fit in a ready-made dress.

18 children's coats	cost \$114.00	valued at \$318.00	profit \$204.00
14 adult's clothing	" 330.00	" " 788.00	" 458.00
9 coats, 5 suits	\$221.00	\$1186.00	\$562.00

More saving was noted in the children's and adult's clothing, which proves that the higher the skill, the more saving. The women were very well satisfied and many are going on with other garments.

c. Handing project was started in July so that women could master the pattern and make more later if desired. Instructions were obtained from the closure company. Improvements in details were made and over 300 have been finished to date. It has been estimated that a similar

bag would cost at least \$1.50 more in the stores, so that a saving of about \$450.00 has been realized by the county women on this project alone. Hats and bags to match have been made by several--both for themselves and children. Some used a plastic material but it was not as attractive as the fabrics. Some cost very little, as old coats and material make up very well for this.

d. Sewing machine cleaning work was given one night by one of the member's husband who formerly had worked for a sewing machine company. 13 women were present. Too much emphasis cannot be placed on a well regulated, clean machine for good work.

e. Sewing machine attachment work was requested as many women had them, but did not know how to use them. One big demonstration does little good, so the home agent met 10 groups of 4 women and arranged that all were able to try out the various attachments.

2. Home Furnishings Objectives for this work would be the appreciation of the right type of furnishings and the opportunity to learn a certain amount of technique. This was carried out in the club programs and by extra workshops.

a. Color in the Home was voted one of the most interesting meetings.

The agent tried to give the basis for color harmonies and why and how they should be used. Very good material was obtained from the Sherwin Williams Paint Company.

b. Curtain problems were given by club leaders after a leader-training meeting given by the home agent. Models of ruffled curtains were made by members at the meeting from tissue paper and drapery pleating and linings shown by the leaders. The stores were most cooperative by lending curtains and curtain hardware. 481 curtains and drapes are

reported as being made during the year.

c. Lamps and lighting program was given by members, following a leader-training meeting given by Miss Ruth Jamison. Different types of lamps were used in their club demonstrations and actual measurements used. Lighting companies gladly lent materials and 200 copies of a lighting booklet were obtained from General Electric.

d. Pictures in the Home was also given by leaders, following the training meeting with Miss Jamison. An outline and mimeographed copies were furnished by the office for member-distribution. Many leaders wrote for additional material.

In addition to the regular programs listed above, special interest workshops were held with the definite objective of learning how to do certain jobs:

① Furniture refinishing: 26 attended this meeting and 79 pieces of furniture were reported done over during the year. Miss Jamison was in charge of this workshop but 4 clubs held meetings of their own later. Several husbands became interested and helped with the work.

② Stools were again popular for the third year--155 being made. This year, the filler for seats was not checked out until the wood was finished, resulting in much better workmanship. Formerly, many had not bothered to finish the wood at all.

c. Reseating chairs with fiber woven seats developed from the weaving of stools. 22 have been done.

d. The home and one leader conducted a caning workshop and 9 chairs were woven on.

③ One slip cover workshop was held with 6 women working on 2 chairs.

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2. Foods Work: foods for the year had for its objectives; how to buy better, plan better and learn new methods.

a. Meal planning: This program was given by the home agent who used a week's menu planned by the New York City Welfare Dept. for a family of four for \$18.47. This included a daily lunch, quart of milk for each child and after school snack. The week's menu was checked over day-by-day for all the seven essential foods and unusual recipes explained.

Many women had declared it was impossible to feed a family on that amount but a few said they were doing it. It was interesting to note that where a woman mentioned a high food budget, it turned out to be due to peculiar food habits of that family or poor buying habits.

b. Packed lunches: The home agent had prepared charts showing total calories, amount of protein and cost of various sandwiches, trying to get across the idea of the most food value for a reasonable amount; also importance of protein in the diet.

c. Meat ~~cooking~~: Through the courtesy of Armour & Co., the county women were able to have a "Marie Gifford" for a meat demonstration. This was a county-wide event and a most excellent demonstration, with the food given as door prizes later. Attendance was not as good as it should have been—only about 75. Not enough publicity was given it by the women themselves.

d. ~~Pastry making~~: Given by the leaders after a leader-training meeting with Mrs. Mary Thompson. Reports from this meeting were particularly flattering. 15 Women report they used the pastry mix.

e. Salads: This was given by the home agent who stressed the use of "different" seasonings and cheese in salads, thus making many an old recipe new and more appetizing. The cabbage and corned-beef recipe was liked.

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f. Broiler meals: The clubs held their meeting at the test kitchen of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, when the two home economists Mrs. Marjorie Burton and Miss Mary Margaret Terrell gave a broiler meal demonstration using both gas and electric stoves. It was unusually well done and the women appreciated the courtesy. 50 Attended.

g. Out-door cookery was enjoyed when one of the clubs sponsored this demonstration at the home of Mr. Dolph Henry on the York River. He is an expert on the use of out-door cooking equipment and helped the clubs with a similar dinner last year. Something new this year was the in-the-ground cookery of beans and the barbecued pork shoulder. There were 65 there and the husbands enjoyed it as well as the women.

h. Canning-- as a help, the county home demonstration committee has purchased a gauge tester for use by the county women. Many requests for canning and freezing information were received. Only 127 of the 272 reports from the women showed any canning done and 54 for freezing. This low figure reflects the suburban type of county. No attempt has been made to stress canning by a prepared plan, since most gardens are small and only an unpredictable surplus is all that is usually canned.

i. Information has been requested from the county jail for balanced low cost menus and has been given.

#### 4. Home Management

This is included in the program for the coming year, but a leader-training meeting has been held with Miss Alverson for Ironing methods and Stain removal.

#### B. Other Activities

1. Result demonstrations: Two are being carried on. One woman is re-arranging her living room and is buying or having her present furniture

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fixed over. The home agent has helped her by going shopping with her and having the woman note good and bad points in furniture. She has advised her to have her present furniture appraised for re-sale value and to get a price on re-upholstering. One chair has been brought from the attic to be re-worked instead of one of the bulky old chairs. She is still debating the final choice to make. She has kept note of prices, etc. and when the club met at her home, she presented her problem to them. The other result demonstration is in the process of planning. The woman plans to remodel her home and the home agent has helped with kitchen and second story arrangement of rooms. Since the loan was a long time in coming through, no actual work has yet been done.

2. Federation Goal Activities-- the county women chose Family Relations and a meeting of chairmen was called in January. Responsibilities of a homemaker were listed and it was decided that chairmen should use any of the subjects which were of most interest to her group for club reports. Some material was furnished from the office, but theirs was the job of finding more on their own. The experience of the home agent has been, that when material has been sent from the office, it has been read verbatim and no thought given it. Chairmen of many of the clubs attended a talk at the Hilton Village Women's club by Dr. Belle Beard on "The Second Fifty Years" and one of the meetings of the State Mental Hygiene Society, and used them as the basis of club reports. The women also requested the latest film on Cancer, and altho health was not our direct goal, it had a definite bearing on the homemaker's abilities. This became a county-wide meeting with about 100 women present. A local physician followed up the film with a talk and answered questions. Three

Three clubs had a joint meeting and Lt. Mary Hamilton was guest speaker. She showed colored film of family life in Japan where she had recently been stationed. Two other clubs had a joint meeting when Mrs. Boyd showed film of family life in Palestine taken during her trip there. For Achievement Day, a Mental Hygiene play was given.

3. Varina Trip-- Club members are always interested in old-time homes and also in a spring trip, so this year 65 women journeyed to the Stoneman home at Varina before going to Green Acres, the home of Miss Slocum. The women enjoyed the historical atmosphere at Varina and after a picnic lunch on the lawn at Green Acres, listened to an account of the Denmark meeting of the A.C.C. by Mrs. Meyers, the State president. Miss Slocum also told interesting things about old glassware and the women enjoyed seeing her collection.

4. 35 Women attended the District home demonstration meeting held in King and Queen County. The Danbigh club made corsages for the guests. Picnic dinners were taken along and a good social time enjoyed as well as the program.

#### 5. Community Work:

a. The clubs have been given the responsibility of helping with the T. B. clinic the first three Tuesdays of each month and are taking turns with this. They do the book keeping and help the patients.

b. Patrick Henry Hospital for the Aged and the Weaver Orphanage have been the recipients of contributions from various clubs of cookies, shirts and drinking glasses.

c. Several clubs have helped Mrs. Blair at the Cooperative Welfare building with dressing dolls, repairing dolls, wrapping gifts, etc. at Xmas.

d. Two clubs have helped the community buildings, as making curtains and raising money.

e. One club sponsors a dancing class in the community building.

One club made a trip to a State Sanatorium to visit one of its members and others from the county.

One club collected food, clothing and money for a family who had been burned out.

Several clubs have helped the local drives with contributions for the police, cancer, library, etc.

5. Achievement Day is always one of the high points of the year's work and this year's was the best yet. Two clubs served as hostesses and had their first planning meeting in July when definite assignments were made. We consider the objective of Achievement Day not only to celebrate ourselves, but to give the public an opportunity to see what has been done during the year. The procedure has been to have exhibits with members present to explain the methods used in any construction, and also an evening program.

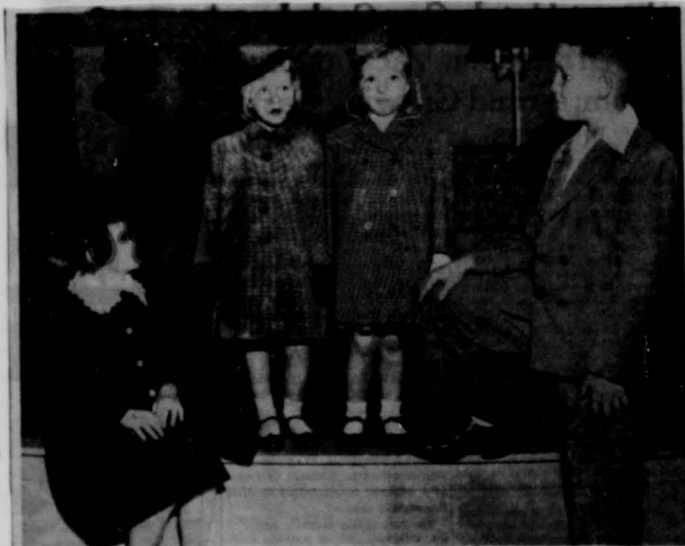


#### APPETITES ARE TITILATED AT WOMAN'S CLUB EXHIBIT

Linda Lee Zelle and Mrs. Fred Zelle pause to give appreciative recognition to the sand making exhibit entered by the Deep Creek Club and to the pie-making exhibit of the East Morrison Club shown at the Home Demonstration get-together held at the Hilltop Village Woman's Club Building in Hilltop last week.

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The preceding picture showed two of the exhibits--others being Canning & Freezing; Meal Planning; Lunch Box; Block Printing; Curtains and Drapes; Furniture Refinishing; Tailoring; Machine Attachments; Lamps and Lighting; Handbags; Ceramics; Caning and Stools; Picture Frames. The affair was held at the Woman's Club building in Hilton Village beginning at 2 p.m. Punch and cookies were served. At 8 p.m. there was a program in two parts. Part I was a fashion revue of children wearing coats the mothers had tailored in class. The picture below shows some of the children:



#### LILIPUTIAN STYLES GO OVER BIG AT HILTON MEET

Some of the children appearing in the coat review at the Home Demonstration Meet at the Hilton Woman's Club were (left to right) Sandra Jean Stockman wearing a coat of navy wool with a corduroy plaid hat and bag; Susan Byrne in a brown and white check botany coat with matching scotch cap; Janie Duberg in a similar but double breasted botany coat; and John Volmer in a neutral double-breasted sport jacket. All these garments were made by the mothers.

Part II was "Fresh and Variable Winds," a Mental Hygiene play which dramatizes some emotional problems which arise in a family with a ten year old child. The play was all local talent and coached by a member of the hostess club. Following this, an informal discussion was led by Mrs. Margaret Winder, with questions from the audience. The whole affair was managed very smoothly by the women and a fitting climax to the year's work.

6. During Home Demonstration Week, 3 members prepared and gave a program over the radio, telling of the recent work in clothing, furniture refinishing and nutrition. At the Village Fabric shop several coats from the tailoring classes were on display. In the Parkview section, there were exhibits from 2 clubs showing sewing, furniture refinishing and craft work. One store requested that it remain longer because of interest of the customers.

7. Eight women attended the Rural Institute of Affairs and have given interesting reports at several meetings. The devotional given at the first meeting of the State Federation was sent to various home agents. The home agent has used it in the September meetings in this county and numerous calls for it by members for further use necessitated the secretary making many copies more.

8. Craft projects: Many clubs have been continuing the work on etched trays. Liquid plastic flower making was done by several groups for Christmas gifts. Four clubs have been doing ceramic work. A local teacher was available and the women could work in groups of six or eight. A great deal of interest was shown in this and a beautiful exhibit prepared for Achievement Day. This was all done as "extra-curricular."

VI h-H Club Work The objectives of the girls' h-H club work are:

- 1. Actual learning of homemaking skills and knowledge
- 2. Introduction into homemaking responsibilities

3. Keeping of records and accounting for work done

4. Certain amount of character training group participation in recreation and welfare projects.

Methods used are project meeting, individual help, special meetings and recreation.

4. Project Work

1. Food Preparation

a. Five clubs carried food preparation as group projects with salads, milk dishes, breakfasts, cakes and cookies, packed lunches and table setting items covered. These clubs then had club contests with winners competing for county honors at Achievement Day. Home Demonstration Club members were asked to be judges and an All-Star has also helped with judging. Not more than four or five in each club have been interested in giving demonstrations for competitions.

The one project meeting a month has been given by the home agent with the local leader assisting, or taking over completely if necessary. The leader then has complete charge of the second meeting during the month which is planned by the leader, agent and members. This can be a carry-over of cooking, as they did for two months with the members giving the demonstrations on past work. Or some craft can be worked on, or community work done.

Each credit should be given to the leaders of the food projects, Mrs. Breckinridge, Marks, Cannaday, Seburn and Harvey, for letting the children use their kitchens and often delaying their own supper preparations. The members always volunteer for kitchen duty and try to leave the rooms as they found them. Supplies are obtained by the

- leader and/or the home agent and then paid for by members from their treasury.
- b. Six members carried on canning projects with the mothers helping if needed. Since gardens are small and only an unpredictable surplus available, family food plans are not emphasized.
- c. Frozen foods-- Four girls kept records on this project. Two were exceptionally good.
- d. Bread-- One girl carried this project for the second year.

Clothing

- a. Make and Remake was carried as a group project during the winter but was not as successful as working with a smaller group during the summer for all-morning sessions. This was tried out in August and four girls accomplished more in three days than in a few months in group projects. One club took a trip to the Singer Sewing Machine Company store and saw the new "helps" for sewing which are displayed.
- b. Looking Your Best was carried by one club and this included a visit to a beauty parlor with hair shampooing and styling shown them. One girl served as a model for hair cutting with interesting results.
- c. So You Want to Sew was carried by three girls who came into the club very late in the year and finished one article apiece.
- 3. Room Care and Arrangement: One club carried this project, having demonstrations and care of room, making beds, dust cloths, dress protectors, color schemes and stenciled bureau scarfs. The girls enjoyed this and had good reports. Several made model rooms to scale and one girl did enough to her room to count as a Room Improvement project. Mrs. Collier as leader was especially good in carrying thro the project and helping

with h-H work in general.

- h. Laundry: This project has not been used as a group project but a few girls have been interested in carrying it on by themselves with the help of their mothers and checking by the home agent. Two clubs had club contests and a final elimination contest was run off at Achievement Day.

B. Other Activities

1. Achievement Day: This was an "all-day" affair. Food, clothing and craft exhibits were brought in during the morning and were on display and judged during the afternoon. Food and laundry demonstrations were held to determine county winners. Winners in canning, frozen foods, room improvement were determined by records. Separate judges for the clothing, foods and demonstrations were selected. Dress revue and clothing achievement girls modeled their dresses at the night program. Other parts of the program were a skit depicting the work of the county agent with poultry projects, a h-H movie and presentation of awards. Club prizes of merchandise were given by local Sears Roebuck store which has always been most cooperative in county h-H work. Club prizes were awarded by several other commercial firms.
2. Camp: About 55 members and leaders from the county were in camp during July. It was well organized and the week went by very smoothly. There should be no reason for the present over-crowding, as the groups could be made smaller and extend the camping season. A good program of classes in photography, insects, gardening and recreation was offered, in addition to the craft, swimming and games. This was the largest number yet, to attend from the county and there was more interest shown than in previous years. There could have been more adult leaders present and better trained to take over class work.

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3. District contests were held in Richmond in March with entries from Warwick County in food preparation, dairy foods, dress revue, laundry and poultry consumption. The girls received one first place; two seconds and two thirds. The girls entering did not have enough extensive records to place higher. The contests do add a certain amount of interest and gives the older girls something besides just project and club work.

4. Recreation: This is as much a part of the h-H program as the project work and carried out by clubs separately and also as a county. Skating parties, Valentine, picnics, Easter egg hunts were club events.

The one big county event was a picnic to the h-H camp at Jamestown in June. The Bank of Warwick has always given a donation for such an event, so this year it helped pay for the buses used to carry the children. Swimming and a ball game were the main events for the day.

About 90 members and leaders attended. This will probably be made an annual affair. Club recreation events are the responsibility of the club leader planning with the members. The home agent always helps with county recreation and the club parties if particularly needed.

Transportation is one of the chief problems in any recreation as well as in regular meetings.

5. h-H Dinner: Four of the clubs in the Denbigh area with their leaders, gave a dinner during h-H week for the benefit of the h-H camp. Seventy-five dollars was earned this way. The children sold the tickets and collected some of the food that was donated. The leaders did most of the actual preparation and the older members served and washed dishes.

6. Community Work: Three clubs brought wash cloths and soap and made a trip to the Patrick Henry Home for the Aged and presented them. One club made Christmas cookies and took them to the City Farm. The club

making stenciled bureau scarfs made some extra ones for the hospital. Five of the clubs are helping prepare the T. B. seals for mailing. They work after school and have a good time doing it. There are 14,000 to mail and it is a big undertaking for them. Several of the clubs are working on shirts for the hospital, too.

7. Short Course at Blacksburg was attended by six members--two boys and four girls. Three girls had attended before but the other girl thoroughly enjoyed her first time and it has given her renewed interest in her 4-H work. One of the big values of the work is for the girls to meet members from other counties, compare notes on club work and get new ideas. Joyce Bristow was made All-Star, making two in the county.

8. Mail Box Project: The elder group was started on a mail box painting project during the summer. At present they have completed about enough to pay for cost of supplies. Not too much interest was shown. It was a good opportunity for the members to use their own initiative. The project can be a continuing one, and much better to let the members work it out than for the extension agents to finish it for them.

9. Insect Identification project was started in February. Mr. Ames, Specialist from Blacksburg was here at the start of the project and helped with instructions. Only fair results were obtained. Interest was not kept up and many of the members were too young to go ahead without more help than was possible at regular meetings.

VII. Young Men and Young Women's Work: There is no separate organization for this age group in our program. But in nearly all of the home demonstration clubs there are a few who could come in this classification. These girls often have more interest and enthusiasm than the older women. A younger group at the Colony has just started and will consist only of this age group. At present there seems to be considerable interest.

VIII. Scope of Work

	1948	1949	1950	1951
No. H. D. Clubs or Groups	10	15	17	18
Membership	239	300	356	392
No. H-H Clubs	4	5	7	9
Membership	48	61	82	96
No. YW Groups				
Membership				
No. of other families reached	780	1130	1200	1300
Total No. Families reached	1058	1500	1700	1800

IX.

- A. County Board of Agriculture: There are no women on this advisory board.
- B. County Home Demonstration Committee: This is composed of presidents of the clubs and it meets twice a year. In September they meet with the program development chairman to plan the program for the following year. This year the executive committee met and after a long session arrived at a temporary year's program, using the members' check-sheets which had been turned in and summarized. Business matters were also discussed and an agenda of recommendations sent to the presidents before the main meeting, so that time could be saved. Then at the meeting, the program as set up was adopted with a few changes; over-all objectives for the year were adopted; Better Buying, Better homemaking techniques and Better Family Living. Each month's program will have very definite sub-objectives. For example, the program on Laundry would be (1) how to iron more efficiently and (2) how to remove stains. One item showing some progress is that the clubs will assume 5 instead of 4 meetings as in the past. In January the presidents met with the home agent for a combined social and business meeting. There some business, general policies are discussed

and an exchange of ideas among the women. It is surprising how much can be accomplished over a cup of tea.

C. County 4-H Project Planning Meetings: One was held during the summer with fair results. Although the projects for the coming year were discussed at the May meetings of the 4-H clubs and the wishes of members listed and planned for at that time, some of the clubs changed by the time the fall meetings started. This was partly due to new members coming in, with definite, and good ideas. The changes have all worked to a good advantage. More time and thought can be put on this phase of the planning. As long as group projects are used in the county with the girls, there will always be the problem of members not following through with the original planning.

D. County 4-H Club Council: There has been one council meeting this year-- the last of April. At this time a summary of work done during the year was given by the presidents; a temporary budget set up with money received from the clubs; and plans for the county picnic and camp. The council officers presided at the County Achievement Day and have had responsibilities of planning and keeping the Treasurer's accounts.

E. Honor Clubs: None have been formed in the county as yet.

F. County Chapter of All-Stars: There are now 3 All-Stars in the county but not enough to form an active chapter. Of the two All-Star girls, one has never helped the program in any way since; the other has helped with judging, is still active in club work and a good worker.

G. County Mobilization Committee: Time was spent at an area planning meeting to prepare for a big county-wide meeting of farmers. The result was 5 farmers and 4 professional workers present. It seemed to have been worked up in such a hurry that there was confusion about the whole thing.

H. Civic Organizations: The Kiwanis Club of Newport News sponsors a small

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a small 4-H club of girls. ~~They~~ they paid one girl's expenses to State Short Course and two girls ~~to camp~~. The Warwick County Kiwanis club helped two girls go to camp; also ~~the~~ County employees. The Kiwanis club of the county has helped finance projects and the R. Britan sent one girl to State Short Course.

#### I. Leadership

A. Organizational Leadership: Most HDC officers have taken full responsibilities very well. Some ~~have had to be~~ replaced because of women taking full-time jobs. Presidents receive a monthly letter from the home agent giving news items for the coming month, announcements, etc. The secretaries, in addition to regular duties of minutes, etc. have the responsibility of notifying for the meetings. The county policy of members notifying the hostess if unable to come, works fairly well. The officers have been most cooperative and when asked to do any extra work, have done so willingly. Officers are elected every two years unless there is an emergency vacancy. The 4-H club officers are elected each year. The training they receive in conducting meetings, writing minutes and accounting for the money received and spent is very valuable.

B. Program Development: In ~~new~~ ~~uses~~ these are the vice-presidents. These chairmen meet in May and make up a check sheet of subjects from the requests of their club members. These are then mimeographed at the office and given to members in June to return by the July meetings. The chairmen see that these are in, summarize them and turn in to the office. These results are then put together for use at the program planning meeting in September. Criticisms of the year's work are also asked for and found to be very valuable. The program development chairmen also are responsible for getting the members' yearly reports back to the office-- 292 this year--more than

last year and the chairmen seemed more interested.

3. Subject-matter: We have had a 100% record for the past two years for attendance at leader-training meetings. Leaders have been chosen for the most part simply because they were able to attend the meeting at that certain time. Of these, most of them done very nicely and some real talent discovered. The president always asks for volunteers first, as it is surprising that there are some who are really wanting to attend. Then comes the "drafting" which is not too hard. Usually the same woman does not serve twice; thus making eight women during the year who have had the experience of giving the program. Reports of demonstrations this year show they have been better than last year. As to other subject-matter reports given, clubs vary in what they have. Gardening, household equipment, better buying, "Did you know", etc. are some of the subjects used. It is usually that woman's responsibility to get her own material together and ask for assistance from the office if necessary.

B. Growth of Home Demonstration Club Project Leadership

	1948	1949	1950	1951
No. Project Leaders and Co-op Chairmen	40	58	108	162
No. Training Meetings held by Special.	2	2	1	4
No. Training meetings held by Agent		2	1	1
Attendance at all Training meetings	43	95	112	180
No. club meetings held by Leaders without agent present	20	44	65	72
No. additional club meetings at which Leaders assisted			5	18

B. Growth of h-H club Project Leadership

	1948	1949	1950	1951
No. Adult Project Leaders	8	10	12	11
No. Junior Project Leaders		1	6	6
No. Training Meetings held by Special.	-	-	-	-
No. Training Meetings held by Agent		3	4	1
Attendance at Leader Training Meetings		24	18	8
No. h-H Leaders Trained Individually	8	6	4	4
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	32	40	48	50
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	32	40	50	58
No. demonstrations given by leaders, adult	32	40	48	50
No. demonstrations given by leaders, Jr.			3	4

C. Mrs. Varn, most interesting and colorful character, was most helpful during the first months of getting the home demonstration program underway in the county. She was president of her club, and, being community minded, was instrumental in having that group sponsor a supervised play ground. Then she moved to another section where she promptly organized another group, and interested many more who later formed another club. The home agent would often find names of ~~clubs~~ ~~clubs~~ on her desk when she had interested in home demonstration club ~~clubs~~ ~~clubs~~ wanted to join one. She had real artistic talent and when the etched aluminum tray work was started, she went "all-out" in helping her own club and others. And later she did the same thing with the painted Chippendale trays. It didn't matter whether the women came in the

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morning, noon or night; or by ones or twos or groups; her hospitality was unlimited. She started a sketching group in her club and also a ceramics group. She was the type with whom the agent could discuss club and program matters very freely and many was the time her advice proved invaluable. The Varner family moved to St. Louis recently and her loss is deeply felt by the church, civic organizations and home demonstration clubs.

XI. Work in Cooperation with Other Agencies

- A. The home agent has cooperated with other county officials at various times and has served on the committee to prepare the annual statement.
- B. The home agent was asked to serve on the board of the Local Tuberculosis Association. Her responsibilities have been (1) clinic work, which she supervised by suggesting that the clubs take over this duty as a project. (2) the h-h clubs have assisted in getting the Christmas seals envelopes ready for mailing.
- C. Several scout leaders have asked for information and help for their scout activities as craft, materials and menus.
- D. Women's organizations of the various churches have asked for help on church suppers, etc.

XII. This report has shown the activities, accomplishments and progress of the Home Demonstration clubs during the year. These results are not just an accident. They are the result of a planned program carried out by the women with a continued interest. A woman will not spend time on something she is not interested in. Not only has it helped them spend the family income a little more wisely and become more skilful in their homemaking activities, but it has given them a deeper appreciation of family life. This is one of the intangible values of home demonstration work and something which cannot be measured by money. If a woman can see results in her home from changing methods, or use of new products which she has made or bought, she

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becomes a happier person. And in this present world situation, home discontentment and better adjusted children are becoming of increasing importance.

As one of the home demonstration members recently said to the home agent:

"This home demonstration club has made me more interested in my home. After twelve years of just keeping house, you get into a rut. These programs have shown me a broader approach to home-making which has meant a great deal to me".