1958 Plan Of Work

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I County Situation Considered In Working Out the 1958 Program.

Mecklenburg County is situated in the bright tobacco belt with tobacco being the chief source of income. Thus the economic and social life of the county centers largely around the growing, harvesting and selling of the tobacco crop. During the winter months the rural women attend the Home Demonstration Club meetings and take an active part in their functionings. However, during the late Spring and Summer and into the Fall, the tobacco crops occupy the attention of the entire family.

For several years the Buggs' Island Dam Project, which is located in the county has provided a supplemental income to many families. This project had been completed and the income from it has ceased.

During the summer of 1952, 1953 and 1954 the drought seriously affected the tobacco crops and thus the income of the county farmers. With an added amount of rain during 1955, the crops were better and the income somewhat increased. The 1956 crops were also better than the previous years, but there were many debts to be paid which required the additional incomes in practically all families. 1957 has again been an extremely dry year and the income from the crops was seriously cut.

Many of our Home Demonstration Club women have found employment at the Robbins Mill, which is located near Clarksville, at the Ribbon mill in South Hill, in the shirt factories at LaCrosse and Chase City, the shoe factory and a garment factory in Chase City. All of these are comparatively new industries in the county and they all affect farm families to a great extent. To provide a supplemental income for the families by this means also, in many instances, takes the women out of their homes during the day. It is therefore important that the homemakers work methods and equipment be improved so that she can complete her housework in a shorter period of time. Besides this, many other people are working in these mills and thus help on the farm is far more difficult to obtain.

All are endeavoring to maintain the high standard of living to which they have become more accustomed to during the last several years when money has been more plentiful. So in most cases women are working harder and longer. The increased interest in time saving methods is evidenced of fewer hours to work at home.

With incomes increased somewhat, another factor of importance that was considered in working out the 1957 program was the need for improving the home grounds. Therefore, Home and Community Beautification was selected by the County Home Demonstration Committee as the Program of Work for 1957. Realizing the definite need for more work to be done along these lines, the County Home Demonstration Committee decided it would be wise to continue this program of work through 1958.

The very great need for more to be done toward Home and Community Beautification has been seen and for that reason the Home Demonstration Clubs planned to continue the same program of work for 1958.

The one thing that has affected the Home Demonstration program more than any other has been more women working away from home and thus there is less time to be spent in helping to carry on an organized program.

II County Extension Program - Adult.

A. Organization.

1. County Agricultural Extension Service Board.

At present the county has several county committees. They include County Home Demonstration, Foods, Clothing, Youth, Home Lighting, Home and Community Beautification and some agricultural committees. The agent's plans are to get these organized into one County board during 1958.

2. Home Ecohomics Council.

The County Home Economics Council is composed of the County Home Economics Committees which are Foods and Clothing; the general interest committees which include youth and home lighting; and the Home Demonstration Club Committee. The purpose of this Council is to provide an opportunity for some of the leading women in the county to meet together, study the situation and needs throughout the county and to assist with the planning and carrying out of the programs.

3.General Interest Committees.

The two general interest committees at the present time include Home and Community Beautification and Home Lighting. All members on both at the present time are women, however, the home agent hopes to have some men added to it. The first committee mentioned is composed of the Program of Work Chairmen in each Home Demonstration Club, who have planned a program of work, set goals and made plans to meet them. The other general interest committee is composed of women from various sections of the county who have planned a county-wide lighting program, which has been started and will be continued through 1958

and it seems that probably the interest will necessitate continuing this work for quite some time in the future.

4. County Home Economics Committees.

The two home economics committees in Mecklenburg County are Clothing and Foods with nine members on each who represent the various sections of the county, low, medium and high income levels, and whose interests are varied.

1. The Clothing Committee.

A. Goals set to be met by 1960.

1. To try to give all homemakers in the county an opportunity to learn more about planning the family's clothing needs. What to look for when purchasing ready made clothing and fabrics by the yard.

2. To try to teach women to read labels before purchasing.

B. Methods Planned.

1. To use news stories and radio to give information on clothing such as:

a. What to look for when purchasing ready made clothing.
b. What to look for when purchasing fabrics by the yard.
c. Why it is important to read labels.
d. Care required of various fabrics.

2. Furnish clothing suggestions and hints to home demonstration members.

3. To teach 4-H members who take clothing projects to plan their wardrobes, study fashions, read labels and to study care required of fabrics before making purchases.

C. Goals to be met during 1958

1. To continue to try to make the entire county conscious of the need to plan their clothing more wisely, and to give all an opportunity to learn more about what to look for when making purchases.

D. Methods Planned.

1. Publish news articles in the county papers often on how to plan the wardrobe, what to look for when purchasing fabrics by the yard and ready mades, also why one should read labels.

2. Give radio programs on clothing subjects of timely interest over WJWS, South Hill, and WSVS, Crewe, occassionally.

3. Teach planning, selection and purchasing of clothing to 4-H'ers who take the 4-H Clothing projects, through discussions and demonstrations at regular 4-H project meetings.

2. Food and Nutrition Committee.

a. Goals set to be reached by 1960.

1. To have more gardens grown in the county.
2. To have more food conserved at home for winter use.
3. To make homemakers more conscious of the importance of good eating habits for her family.
4. To have families improve their eating habits.

b. Methods Planned.

1. For nutrition committee members to talk to all elementary school principals and arrange to go into the schools and talk to the girls and boys in grades one through seven, explain the wheel of good health and the importance of good eating habits.

2. Show a movie on good nutrition to all boys and girls in elementary schools.

3. Have spot announcements made over radio giving nutritional information.

4. Use news stories to get facts before people who read newspapers.

5. Teach some nutrition along with 4-H Projects.

6. Get colorful seven basic food charts in the home of every boy and girl enrolled in the elementary schools in the county.

7. Furnish each child with a food chart and ask him or her to check it daily for at least six weeks.

8. Summarize information given on food charts checked by children and publish findings in county newspapers.

c. Goals set to be reached during 1958.

1. To have the majority of families throughout the county conscious of the need for improving their diets and to have more families begin making some improvements.

d. Methods Planned.

1. Show movie on good nutrition in elementary schools.

2. Put worthwhile nutrition facts before the people through the county newspapers.

3. Teach nutrition facts and the importance of good eating habits to 4-H Club members through discussions and demonstrations at 4-H Club meetings.

4. Get seven basic food chart in the home of every boy and girl enrolled in the county schools, grades one through seven.

5. Nutrition committee members get permission from elementary school principals to go into each school, discuss the importance of good food habits and give each child a seven basic food chart to take home.

6. Get all boys and girls in elementary schools to check food charts for six weeks in order to learn their eating habits.

7. Collect food charts and summarize findings.

8. Acquaint county people with findings through county newspapers and over radio.

5. County Home Demonstration Committee.

The County Home Demonstration Committee which is composedof the president of each home demonstration club, the committee officers and the past county home demonstration Committee presidents, is the county planning and executive body representing the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs on a county level.

This committee will be used to further the interests of home demonstration work in the county among adults and juniors and to advise and assist the agent in serving people. The committee will also help to plan and promote the program, get reports on year's accomplishments and help to measure results.

A. The County Home Demonstration Committee set the following objectives:

1. Each club appoint a program of work chairman and stress farm and community beautification.

2. Have all clubs represented at county and district meetings.

3. Get more young homemakers in Home Demonstration work.

4. Each club promote 4-H Club work and each club president appoint a 4-H leader.

B. Project Work.

1. Clothing received major emphasis when the 1958 Home Demonstration Program was planned.

a. Objectives:

1. To assist women in selecting becoming hats.

2. To assist women in remodeling hats.

3. To teach women how to make hats.

4. To make women conscious of the many new fabric finishes.

5. To make women conscious of the many advantages in the new finishes.

6. To help women to realize the need for reading labels.

7. To help women to study and to know the meanings of wording on labels.

8. To help to develop in the women a desire to read labels on all fabrics by the yard and all ready made garments.

9. To teach women that labels furnish important information on care of fabrics which should be followed if one expects to get the best service from a purchase.

10. To teach women that wise wardrobe planning is essential if one wishes to be well groomed at moderate expenditure of money.

11. To teach club members that a wise choice of accessories is essential if an individual is to be well dressed at moderate cost.

12. To help women to realize that well fitted garments are essential to good grooming.

13. To teach women how to fit patterns before cutting a garment.

b. Procedures.

1. For agent to conduct a training meeting for Home Demonstration Club leaders on selecting becoming hat styles, remodeling and making hats.

2. For Home Demonstration leaders to conduct Home Demonstration Club meetings and discuss with club members how to select becoming styles in hats.

3. For leaders to teach club members how to remodel and make hats.

4. For specialist to conduct a training meeting for home demonstration leaders and teach them that many fabrics have new finishes which have much value, that labels furnish important information, that one should understand the meaning of their wording and read them carefully before a purchase is made.

5. For home demonstration leaders to take the knowledge which they gained on fabric finishes to home demonstration club meetings at their May meetings.

6. For specialist to conduct a training meeting for home demonstration leaders and teach them wise wardrobe planning, including selection of accessories.

7. For leaders to give demonstrations to their clubs on wardrobe planning and wise choice and use of accessories.

8. For agent to demonstrate to each home demonstration club how to fit patterns and discuss the importance of having properly fitted clothing.

9. Use clothing ideas in news stories.

10. Include clothing helps in radio stories

2. The subject of foods is always interesting to homemakers so demonstrations for two months are to be devoted to that subject.

   a. Objectives:

      1. To teach women how to prepare simple and nutritious meals for hot days.

      2. To teach women new ways of using herbs in seasoning foods.

   b. Procedures:

      1. For specialist to conduct a training meeting for club leaders on the preparation of meals for hot days.

      2. For club leaders to demonstrate the preparation of meals for hot days to club members.

      3. For specialist to teach women new ways of using herbs in seasoning foods.

      4. For club leaders to demonstrate to members seasoning foods with herbs.

      5. In radio programs discuss cooking with herbs.

      6. Give information on seasoning with herbs in newspaper articles.

      7. Discuss meals for hot days on radio programs.

      8. Include meals for hot days in newspaper articles.

3. Management is to receive attention at two club meetings in 1958. They include "Doing Business at the Bank" and the "Care of Electrical Appliances."

   a. Objectives:

      1. To teach women more about how to do business at the bank.

      2. To teach women how to care for electrical appliances correctly.

b. Procedures:

1. For each club to secure a person who is qualified to speak to their group on how to do business at the Bank.

2. To follow the talk with a discussion period so that members may have questions answered.

3. For home economist from one of the power suppliers to demonstrate the proper care of electrical appliances to each home demonstration club.

4. To use news stories in the three county newspapers giving the recommended care of electrical appliances.

5. Use the care of electrical appliances for radio programs.

4. Care of Shrubs and Plants.

a. Objectives:

1. To teach club members how to care for shrubs.

2. To teach when to prune shrubs.

3. To teach women how to prune shrubs.

4. To teach women what plants are suitable for indoor growth.

5. To teach women how to care for indoor plants.

b. Procedures:

1. For state extension horticulturist to train leaders how to prune and care for shrubs.

2. For leaders to teach club members how to prune and care for shrubs.

3. For agent to give hints on pruning and care of shrubs in radio programs.

4. For newspaper articles to furnish timely information on pruning and care of shrubs.

5. To give one radio program on selection and care of houseplants.

6. Furnish information on house plants and their care in news stories.

5. Special Interest Meetings - Christmas Decorations for the Home and Rug Braiding.

a. Objectives:

1. To have women learn how to make attractive, simple and inexpensive decorations for the home.

2. To have women learn how to make decorations for her home that conform to the five art principles - balance, rhythm, color, design and proportion.

3. For members to learn how to select colors and plan a rug.

4. For club members to learn how to braid rugs.

5. To have women learn how to lace the braids together and make a rug.

6. For women to learn to appreciate a job of work well done.

b. Procedures:

1. To have specialist hold a special interest meeting and teach women how to select good colors for rugs.

2. Specialist teach how to plan a rug.

3. Specialist teach women how to braid rugs.

4. Specialist teach club members how to lace braids into a rug.

5. Agent furnish information on rug braiding to county people through newspaper articles.

6. Agent will use radio programs to give county women information concerning rug braiding.

7. Agent hold two special interest meetings and demonstrate the making of a variety of Christmas decorations for doors, mantles, tables, hallways, etc.

8. Agent use native greens in making some decorations.

9. Agent use painted materials to make some decorations.

10. Agent send letters to Home Demonstration members, invite them to go and take their friends to see the demonstration.

11. Agent give newspaper publicity to the Christmas decoration demonstrations.

12. Radio publicity will furnish information to county women concerning the Christmas decorations demonstration.

C. Federation Program of Work - Home Grounds Beautification

1. Plans for aiding clubs in carrying out their program.

a. The County Home Demonstration Committee selected Home and Community Beautification as their program of work for 1958, which was the same one selected for 1957. Their aim for the year is "To See Ourselves as Others See Us." To make Virginia homes more attractive and useful while conserving wisely and well our natural resources and set the following goals:

1. Improve entrances to homes.
2. Stress planting of bulbs for early spring flowers.
3. Identify farm homes located off the highway.
4. Plan flower borders.
5. Encourage screen plantings to be made where needed.

The county shall have a Federation Goal Chairman and each home demonstration club shall have one, who will be responsible for further planning and carrying out of the Federation program of Work. If the county requests assistance from the home agent, she will assist her in making the county program of work, which she will send to each club goal chairman for use in the clubs at monthly meetings.

Besides presenting the materials to her club, each chairman will be asked to check the progress made during the year and make a report of accomplishments to the county goal chairman who will summarize all of the clubs' accomplishments and report to the County Home Demonstration Committee Chairman.

D. Other Activities.

1. Home Lighting.

a. The home agent, with the assistance of home economists and engineers from the power suppliers, expects to set up a county committee for the purpose of planning for and aiding the continuance of a good county lighting program which was started in Mecklenburg County in November 1957. The purpose of this committee is to study county facts, discover county needs, make plans to meet many of them in 1958, and others in the near future.

The County Home Demonstration Committee plans to arrange a tour to see several result demonstration homes where lighting has been improved.

2. National Home Demonstration Week.

a. Plans are being made to observe National Home Demonstration Week by a large attendance of club members at the District Home Demonstration Federation meeting, by all clubs in the county furnishing flowers to all the patients' rooms in the Community Memorial Hospital at South Hill during the week, by clubs furnishing reading material to patients in the hospital and through newspaper and radio publicity by club members and agent.

III Farm and Home Development.

All three families being worked with at present are af moderate income levels. One family lives on a small farm, but majority of income is received from employment of husband and wife out of the home. They have three children in public school to which they hope to give college educations. Their home is plain but comfortable.

Another family has five children, four of whom are married or working away from home and one boy in high school. They depend upon the farm for their entire income. Their major concern is to improve their home.

The third is a husband and wife, all of whose children are away from home. She has a job out of the home and draws a salary. He looks after tenants on the farm. It appears that their income is good.

The agent hopes to work with several new families during the coming year and expects to make more definite plans as soon as she has an opportunity to plan with her district agent and arrange to be relieved of some of her present duties in order to find time to do more farm and home development work.

IV County Extension program - Youth

A. Organization.

1. County Youth Committee.

The County Youth Committee is composed of the Executive Board of the County 4-H Council and some of the 4-H Club leaders. To date this committee has not set goals for 1958.

2. County 4-H Council.

1. The County 4-H Council which is composed of the officers of each 4-H Club in the county should strengthen the County Extension Program through the business transacted at its two annual meetings. The Council shall plan all of the extra 4-H activities, such as observance of National 4-H Club Week, 4-H Rural Life Sunday, County Picnic, County Achievement Day and the business to be transacted by clubs at county meetings, as well as to make plans for and assist with collecting records after the projects have been completed.

3. County 4-H Honor Club.

1. Quarterly meetings of the County 4-H Honor Club should strengthen the county program because it gives outstanding 4-H Club members an opportunity to be recognized in the county, to know each other better, to socialize, to plan programs their group likes and wants and to become junior leaders and help others.

4. Project Planning Committee.

The project planning committee has already planned the county-wide 4-H project for 1958 which is "Looking Your Best."

The agent expects to arrange with the committee to do the 1959 county-wide project planning in April or May in order to have sufficient time for good planning and preparation for better instruction.

B. 4-H Project Work.

1. "Looking Your Best" was selected by the committee for the county-wide project for 1958 to be taken by both girls and boys.

a. Objectives:

1. To make boys and girls conscious of the need for good grooming.

2. To create in the club members a desire to groom themselves well.

3. To teach girls and boys how to take care of their feet and shoes.

4. To teach members how to give their skin the proper care.

5. To teach members how to launder sweaters properly.

6. To teach members how to give proper care to other garments.

7. To teach members the importance of keeping records of 4-H work done.

8. To teach 4-H'ers how to keep records.

b. Procedures:

1. Agent discuss with each 4-H club the proper care of feet.

2. The agent demonstrate to each club how to polish shoes.

3. Agent will discuss skin care with members.

4. Agent will demonstrate to club members the proper method of laundering a sweater.

5. Agent will discuss the proper care of other garments.

6. The agent will discuss the importance of good posture.

7. The agent will demonstrate good posture.

8. The agent will discuss the advantages of having a pleasant voice and how to develop it.

9. The agent will explain the importance of keeping good 4-H records.

10. The agent will teach club members how to keep their records.

2. Foods

A. Food projects will be taken by girls who wish to take bread making, meal planning and food preparation, freezing foods and canning.

1. Objectives.

1. To teach girls to enjoy the preparation of foods and to have a desire to make an art of it.

2. To teach girls to plan well balanced meals.

3. To teach girls how to make food plans to meet the family's needs.

4. To teach the necessity for conserving foods for winter use.

5. To teach girls correct table service.

2. Procedures.

1. To train 4-H leaders to teach 4-H members correct table service.

2. For 4-H leaders to teach 4-H'ers correct table service

3. To train leaders how to make plans for foods to meet a family's needs.

4. For leaders to teach each girl how to make a food plan for her family.

5. To train leaders to conduct the meal planning and food preparation projects for their groups.

6. For leaders to instruct the 4-H'ers in her group to plan, prepare and serve well balanced meals.

3. Clothing projects may be taken by girls who wish to do clothing Unit I, II or III.

A. Objectives.

1. To teach girls to look their best by planning for the best use of things on hand and those to be added.

2. To teach girls to choose becoming clothing, both ready to wear and homemade.

3. To help girls learn to cut accurately, to make some decorative stitches and to combine colors.

4. To teach girls to learn to stitch on the sewing machine.

5. To teach 4-H'ers to draw a thread and cut fabric straight.

6. To teach girls how to lay patterns.

7. To teach girls to cut by patterns.

8. To teach girls to baste evenly.

9. To teach girls proper pressing methods

10. To teach girls to judge quality in fabric and workmanship.

11. To help girls to develop skill in making alterations in ready to wear patterns.

12. To help girls to learn to make new garments and to remake garments on hand.

13. To help girls develop a creative hobby.

14. To help girls learn to use clothing money wisely.

B. Procedures.

1. Agent hold training meeting for and train 4-H leaders to conduct the clothing projects in local clubs.

2. Leaders give demonstrations in "So You'd Like To Sew"and "Make or Remake Clothing" projects and assist 4-H members to reach requirements set for their project they select.

3. Leaders assist members with 4-H record keeping.

4. Leaders collect records, summarize club's activities and turn in to agent upon completion.

5. Leaders hold 4-H Club contests.

6. Leaders assist with county 4-H Contest.

D. Other Activities Planned To Aid In Carrying Out 1958 Program.

1. Camp.

a. Procedure.

1. Take the county's quota of boys and girls to Camp Farrar at Virginia Beach the first week in July.

2. Send the county's quota of 4-C members to Conservation Camp at Virginia Beach during the summer.

3. Send the county's quota of boys and girls to State 4-H Short Course in June.

4. See that strong 4-H members who deserve a trip to camp but do not have sufficient finances get a scholarship.

2. Achievement Day

a. Procedure.

1. Plan to hold Achievement Day Program in November.

2. Recognize outstanding 4-H Club work done in the county during the year.

3. Present awards to the winners.

4. Have a speaker to summarize 4-H work in the county during the year and present a challenge in club work for the coming year.

3. Rural Life Sunday

a. Procedures:

1. Have 4-H Club members observe Rural Life Sunday in one church in each community in the county by having a sermon dedicated to rural life and with 4-H members participating or have one county-wide 4-H Rural Life Sunday service in which all clubs participate.

4. County 4-H Picnic.

a. Procedure:

1. The annual 4-H picnic is to be held in July. Plans for it will be made at the spring meeting of the County 4-H Council.

5. National 4-H Club Week.

a. Mecklenburg County 4-H Clubs expect to hold a county Share-The-Fun Contest in observance of National 4-H Club Week and also to participate in a Share-The-Fun Contest between the counties of Dinwiddie, Brunswick, Lunenburg, Nottoway, Amelia and Powhatan the same week. The above named counties plan to continue this observance in a parade to be staged in Crewe in May. More detailed plans will be made later.

6. Christmas Parties.

a. The agent expects to plan with all 4-H clubs in the county for Christmas parties and arrange for an interesting social hour including games and refreshments.

V Scope of Work

A. Organization	No. in 1957	Goal 1958
Number of home demonstration clubs	11	11
Membership	256	260
Number of 4-H Clubs	25	28
Membership	382	365
Number of young men and women's clubs	-	-
Membership	-	-
Number community improvement clubs	-	-
Membership	-	-
Number home economics committees	2	3
Number genera l interest committees	2	2
Number youth committees	1	2
Number other organizations	-	-
Number farm and home development families	1	20

VI Plan for Leadership	No. in 1957	Goal 1958
A. Over-all program leaders	26	42
B. Home Demonstration Club Leadership	No. in 1957	Goal 1958
Number organizational leaders	33	33
Number project leaders (subject matter)	66	88
No. Federation program of work chairmen	11	11
Number program development leaders	11	11
Number result demonstrators	26	30
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by specialists	5	4
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by district agents	-	-

	No. in 1957	Goal 1958
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by agent	4	3
Attendance at training meetings	248	150
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	62	85
No. club meetings in which leaders assisted	5	11
Total number demonstrations given by leaders	62	85
No. talks or discussions by leaders	62	85

Plan for training and using all types of leaders in carrying out the 1958 Program.

The agent expects to have assistance from specialists in training leaders to conduct Home Demonstration meetings on the " Pruning and Care of Shrubbery," "Planning the Basic Wardrobe and Accessories," "Meals for Hot Days" and "Herbs and Seasonings." The agent expects to conduct all club meetings in January and February on the "Fitting of Patterns" and the "Making of Hats," and to train leaders to give demonstrations to their clubs on the remaining subjects planned for the year.

	No. in 1957	Goal 1958
C. Over-All Youth Leaders	8	14
D. 4-H Club Officers	175	168
Number adult project leaders	16	18
Number joint project leaders	6	8
Number result demonstrators	14	18
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by specialist	-	1
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by district agent	-	-
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by agent	2	3

	No. in 1957	Goal 1958
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by personnel in 4-H Dept.	-	-
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by others	2	2
Attendance at leader training meetings	21	30
No. 4-H Leaders trained individually	3	-
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	33	40
No. club meetings at which leaders assisted	11	25
No. demonstrations given by adult leaders	49	45
No. demonstrations given by junior leaders	22	25

Plans for training and using all types of 4-H leaders in carrying out 1958 Program

1. The agent plans to train 4-H leaders to assist girls in six (6) clubs in the county with Foods and Clothing Projects.

2. The agent plans to allow these leaders to conduct the 4-H meetings in their communities.

3. Each leader will also be asked to assist with record keeping and to collect 4-H records at the end of the year.

4. The agent will ask that leaders summarize the records in their clubs and pass them to the agent.

VII Plans for Work with Other Agencies.

A. The agent plans to cooperate with Soil Conservationist whenever there is an opportunity to do so, and to encourage the conservation of soil, water and forests.

B. The Home Demonstration Clubs and Agent shall cooperate with the Health Department by encouraging participation in the mass chest X-Ray Clinic, distributing literature, and in sponsoring First Aid and Home Nursing Classes. The T. B. Association, Cancer Fund Drive, Heart Fund Drive and March of Dimes shall also have cooperation from Home Demonstration groups and agent.

C. Through cooperation with the Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative and the Virginia Electric and Power Company, the agent plans to encourage more and better use of electricity on the farm and in the homes, especially as it is related to food conservation, conveniences in farm homes, improved lighting and also the 4-H Electric Project.

D. The agent shall cooperate with the P. T. A. in their program planning and by appearing on their programs; with Garden Clubs by inviting them to appear on Home Demonstration programs and with women's Clubs on subjects related to Extension.

E. To attend Farm Bureau meetings and assist them in any way possible is the plan of the agent.

F. The agent also plans to cooperate with school principals and superintendent in every way possible and with all others in the county when she has an opportunity.

VIII Plan for Developing Good Public Relations.

A. Co-Workers.

Extension Agents in Mecklenburg County have been, and expect to continue, meeting often to discuss the Extension Program as it affects each agent and the county people. Also to plan to make the program of work more effective.

B. General Public.

The agent plans to assist organized groups and the general public by serving them in every way possible.

C. Elected Representatives.

To be cooperative with all people in the county and to serve as many people as possible in a satisfactory manner is the plan of the agent. This she believes will help develop good relationships with all people.

D. Commercial Interests.

Whenever opportunity presents itself the agent plans to work with any commercial interest that performs a public service provided it does not require the Extension Worker to endorse any particular commercial product.

E. Other Professional Workers.

There is no organized group of professional workers in the county, but the agent plans to cooperate with them in every way possible.

IX Plans for Recording Progress and Evaluating Programs as Planned for 1958.

A. The agent plans to evaluate progress made during the year by summarizing the results of special interest meetings, by the number and quality of 4-H records collected, by the summaries made by the two home economics committees on the County Agricultural Extension Service Board and by having home demonstration club members to check accomplishments which appears in the year book as follows:

List of Accomplishments

1. No. times I shared club information with others.
2. No. visitors I brought to Club meeting.
3. No. new members I secured for Club.
4. No. storage spaces involved.
5. No. home management ideas used.
   a. No. times I helped others.
6. No. times I used Clothing Demonstration ideas.
   a. No. times I helped others.
7. No. times I used Home Furnishings ideas.
   a. No. times I helped others.
8. No. times I used Food Demonstration ideas.
   a. No. times I helped others.
9. No. of Yard Improvement ideas used.
   a. No. times I helped others.
10. No. accessories I restored.
11. Improved entrance to my home.
12. No. homes in which I helped improve lighting.
13. Did I plan to have bulbs for early Spring blooming.
14. Did I plan a Flower Border.
15. Did I identify my home with a name.
16. No. rooms in which I improved lighting.
    a. No. other homes in which I helped improve lighting.
    b. No. rooms in other homes where lighting was improved.
17. I have had my annual TB X-Ray
18. I have had my annual physical examination.
19. No. approved books I read.
20. Club summary of activities
    1. No. demonstrations given by leader.
    2. No. demonstrations given by agent.
    3. No. members on roll.
    4. No. new members added.
    5. Percentage of attendance for year.
    6. No. county meetings at which your Club was represented.
    7. No. county meetings at which your Club was not represented.
    8. Assisted with school grounds improvement project.
    9. Assisted in carrying out 4-H program.
    10. No. members receiving help in Christmas Decorating.

X Plans for Professional Improvement.

A. Organized Study.

1. To date the agent has made no plans to attend school nor short courses during 1958.

B. Reading Professional Books and Publications.

1. The agent plans to read monthly publications in several magazines and a few books.

C. Participation in Programs and Workshops Planned by Other Organizations.

1. This agent will take an Art Course which is an extension course from the University of Virginia and would like to take others if she has an opportunity.

D. Planned Educational Trips.

1. Thus far the agent has planned none for 1958 and is not sure whether or not she will, but certainly would like to if such plans seem wise.

XI Plans for Making a Unified County Extension Program.

A. The Extension Agents have discussed methods for making additional progress toward more complete unified county Extension Program. At present there are seven (7) county committees, all of which the agents hope to see strengthened during 1958. The home agent also hopes to make additional progress on the youth phase of the program. The agents hope these committee members will feel it is wise to draw all of them together as a County Board before the end of the year, and that such a thing may be done.

XII Problems in Carrying out the Extension Program in Mecklenburg County and Plans for Meeting Them.

A. Some of the problems in carrying out the Extension Program in the County are, the tremendous size of the county for one person to be expected to work, the inactivity of clubs during the summer months because of tobacco growing which demands the time of all family members and the large amount of women working away from home. In this section of the State people appear to be more self-satisfied than in the counties farther west. Interest appears not be be as keen nor cooperation as strong as it might be which is probably due to these conditions.

The agent has discussed these conditions with different people but at present has no plans for over-coming them, because a few years ago the County Board of Supervisors saw the need for an assistant home demonstration agent, made an appropriation for one, which the agent has been told was held in the county budget four years and as no one was placed in the position, this appropriation has been discontinued.

The agent has no plan for over-coming the problem of small attendance at club meetings during the summer months, because 87% of the farm income is from tobacco and, therefore, it cannot be neglected. Part time farmers are equally as busy and the non-farm families get vacations at this time, which results in very poor attendance at all summer meetings. Some groups discontinue meeting for two or three months.

The agent attempts to make the best of this situation that she can by holding every training meeting and county meeting possible before the busiest season begins.

Women working away from home prevent attendance at meetings during the day time and for this reason, eight clubs meet at night in order to give them an opportunity to attend.

The agent feels that the lives of almost every member of all families are so fully occupied with such a variety of activities that there isn't time for very strong cooperation nor keen interest in any one program. However, the agent is most anxious to find solutions to the problems and is continuing her efforts.