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CASWELL COUNTY

PELHAM X O X	DAN RIVER X O X	O MILTON O X X
LOCUST HILL X O O	YANCEYVILLE X X O O	LEASBURG X X O
STONEY CREEK X X O	ANDERSON O O X	HIGHTOWERS O O X

Home Demonstration Clubs -- X	15
Enrollment	308
Project Leaders -- Women	186
Neighborhood Leaders -- Women	81
4-H Clubs -- O	14
Enrollment	774
4-H Club Leaders -- Women	54
Men	20

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Introduction

Caswell County is located near the Virginia Line in the Piedmont physical division of the State of North Carolina between Rockingham and Person counties. Caswell has a population of 20,000 people. The census divides the population as follows -- Whites, 48% , Negroes, 52%. White farmers operate 1,771 farms while negroes operate 1,229 farms. The largest cash crop is tobacco among the farm families, but much interest is in progress among the rural families in dairying. The milk receiving station and the nutrition program have made many of its families aware of the importance of producing more milk and butter.

The hybrid corn program among 4-H club members has shown an increase in the production of corn per acre. Other farm interests are hay, trucking, poultry, and dairying.

Agricultural Worker's Council

The agricultural worker's council is active with fourteen members, meeting every third Monday in the month. The programs have been given by members of the departments, illustrating some

of the accomplishments of their department's activities. The departments that make up the USDA Board are: Extension, both white and colored; Farm Home Administration; Soil Conservation; Vocational Home Economics and Agriculture.

General Policies.

Fifteen home demonstration clubs meet once a month with a definite demonstration by the agent or a project leader trained by an Extension agent or specialist. These clubs were organized through the interest of one or more rural women in the community.

The joint projects for 4-H clubs between the home agent and farm agent are: Camp Week, One Day Camp, Home Beautification, Farm Home Safety, Wildlife Work, Poultry, Gardens and Better Methods.

Organization.

The county has 15 home demonstration clubs organized in the 10 communities in the county. The enrollment of these clubs range from 16 to 34 women. The enrollment for all clubs is 308 women over 18 years of age. About one-fifth of these are tenant farm women.

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One club was organized during the year. Mrs. Pete Rainey, a tenant farmer's wife, moved into a new neighborhood. She was too far from the club she was a member of to attend its meetings, so she talked H.D. work until she had 12 interested women. The club was organized in February. Now the membership is 16 women. Mrs. Rainey has moved back to the old club neighborhood, but the women are enjoying the club so much they say they will continue with the organization without Mrs. Rainey. They do hope she can visit them often.

The county has a Home Demonstration County Council which consists of officers of the local clubs and the past presidents of the County Council. This council is the steering agency for the local clubs and home agent. The council meets four times during the year in business session. The executive committee, which is made up of the officers of the council and the past presidents of the council, meets before the council meeting and outlines the business to be discussed at the regular council that meets six times during the year.

The County Federation is an organization of all members of the home demonstration clubs. This meets twice a year. The Spring Federation is an inspirational meeting and a challenge for the women. This year our council met in April. Our speaker

was Miss Iris Davenport who is Woman's Editor of the Southern Agriculturist. About 125 women attended the meeting. Her talk was "The Distinguished Women."

In May our county was hostess to the Seventh District Federation. The Seventh District consists of five counties. These counties are Alamance, Caswell, Guilford, Randolph, and Rockingham. The meeting was held in the Prospect Hill School Building. The Prospect Hill women made all preparations for tables and spreading the lunch. The different clubs furnished tea and all club women were asked to bring meats for the lunch. Leasburg Club registered the women; the Yanceyville-Prospect and Purley-Blanch Clubs made 35 corsages to be presented to the special guests. The programs were made by Misses Helen Williamson and Louise Homewood. Many people complimented them. (A copy of the program will be found on the following page.)

The Fall Federation is always in the form of an achievement program. Clubs gave reports of their regular and extra activities. This year for our achievement program the weather was most disagreeable. There was a constant down pour all day but even with that, our attendance was 85 members and friends. The speakers were - Mrs. Eva W. Person who had been a delegate to the World

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Conference of Associated Country Women, and Mrs. J.S. Turner who had been a delegate to the National Home Demonstration and Master Homemaker's Conference held at Jackson Mills, West Virginia. Both were most interesting. (A copy of the program will be found on page 7.) The women said that it was the most interesting achievement program they had ever attended. It was an all day affair. The lunch was brought by the club women. The council furnished coffee.

The State Federation was held in Raleigh during Farm and Home Week. The District President, Mrs. C.K. Thompson, gave the report for the Seventh District. Eleven club women from Caswell attended. Mrs. Thompson, District President, and Mrs. W.D. Pleasant, 1948-49 Council President, assisted in serving at the Garden Party held on the College Campus Thursday afternoon.

The local clubs held socials, teas, parties and picnics to honor the District Officers and the County Council Officers during the year. Some of these were held during the National Home Demonstration Week.

Five club women attended Farm & Home Week. Two women received honor certificates. They were: Mrs. J.H. Buck of the Locust Hill Club and Miss Nan Lansdell, of Semora Club.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
November 15, 1947

Song: "The More We Get Together"

Devotional: Rev. H.R. Ashmore

Roll Call by Clubs

Reports of Clubs

Talk: My Recent Trip to Europe-
Mrs. Eva Person
State Treas., H.D. Clubs

Awarding of Reading Certificates-
Mrs. Mary O. Kerr
Chmn., Library Comm.

Recognitions and Awards

Installation of the 1948-1949 Officers

Song: "We Believe In Our State"

Collect For Club Women of America

Lunch

Recreation: Led by Mrs. J.E. Zimmerman

The County Council paid \$10.00 to the Jane S. McKimmon Loan Fund and pledged \$5.00 for 1948. Each club paid State and National dues of 50¢ each and \$2.50 towards council and demonstration expenses. The council gave Mrs. Eva Persons \$30.00 for her trip to Holland.

Miss Emily Ballinger, a Junior at Woman's College, worked on the trainee program for two and one-half months during the summer. Emily assisted in 4-H club work, as well as helped with some of the adult demonstrations. She helped with Camp Day picnics, Camp Week, and 4-H project work.

Procedure

December: During December, the clubs have a party for the members, the husbands and the families.

Semora had a party planned by the recreational project leader, Mrs. Hurley Barker and assisted by the new president, Mrs. Claude Barker. A most attractive booklet with all the games, contests and songs to be used, was given each person present. The booklet was in the shape of a Christmas tree.

Locust Hill: Mesdames George Walker and George Rice entertained the Locust Hill Club in the Rice's home. Games,

contests, stories, and songs were enjoyed by the group. The members played Pollyanna at the end of the meeting.

Pleasant Grove had a pot luck supper for the family and after supper the old, as well as young, enjoyed an old fashioned square dance called by Mr. Richard Duncan, one of the club member's husband.

Long's Mill club had an old fashion quilting. The men came along to the quilting and while the women quilted the men shucked corn. Just too much chatting interfered with the completion of the quilt, but everyone enjoyed the get-together.

The Purley-Blanch club invited the entire family to a square dance. This was held at the Rotary Club House. The club has decided to make it a bi-annual affair, August and December.

Other clubs had exchange of gifts and socials.

The 4-H club meetings were devoted to the thought of planning to select projects for 1947. Slides illustrating the project work were shown to all 13 clubs.

January: For the adult club meetings, a panel discussion on the outlook for 1947 was given, with the agent and club women taking part. Some represented industry, store keepers, bankers, farmers, and the house wife. The women received the book list, the goals for the year, and the check sheet. Only one club has new officers,

as the county plans to have all clubs elect the officers for the same two years as the county council officers are elected.

4-H Club Meeting: The new enrollment was made and new members were taken into the clubs. Projects were selected and the project books given to club members.

February: The demonstration for adult work was Better Methods of Meat Preparation. The agent gave a demonstration of preparation of cooking liver with vegetables in a pressure pan for each of the 14 clubs.

The demonstration for 4-H clubs was A Better Breakfast. The agent gave a report on the dietary study made in five of the rural schools. A check sheet was given to club members to check and the results were:

12½%	Did not eat breakfast
50%	Did not eat cereal
75%	Did not eat fruit
100%	Ate bread
90%	Ate butter
60%	Drank milk, but not the daily requirement
50%	Ate meat or eggs

The agent prepared a good breakfast and checked it by the

Basic 7 Chart. The survey showed a low consumption of Vitamin C and milk, two foods that are very important in a good breakfast.

March: The Home Management Project Leaders were trained during February to give the demonstration on Floor Finishes to their local club members.

The 4-H club demonstration was Hem Finishes of the 4-H Club Uniform.

April: The demonstration for the home demonstration clubs was Canning Food in Relation to Health. The object was to show how to produce a better product by the proper use of a pressure canner and the hot water method.

Safe Canning of Non-acid Vegetables and Acid Vegetables in Relation to One's Health was the 4-H club demonstration.

May: The adult demonstration was How Safe is the Family Water Supply -and other sanitary conditions on the family homestead.

4-H Club: Sanitation in the Home For Better Living.

June: The adult club meetings were devoted to the thought of family living. The project leaders gave these demonstrations

while the agent worked with 4-H groups. The family project leaders were trained by Mrs. Virginia Swain.

4-H Clubs: This was camp month, so much time was spent in preparation since this was the agent's first camp. 89 boys and girls attended camp at Hanging Rock with 9 counselors and 3 cooks, besides the 3 agents.

July: The demonstration for the adults was Fashions For Windows.

4-H Camp Day for each community was held. This day consisted of class instruction of simple electrical repairs in the home, the health check up, lunch, and recreation. 265 boys and girls were reached through these meetings.

August: The adult interest turned towards a family stew, wainer roast, picnic, or barbecue for the summer recreation.

4-H: Visiting girls' projects and attending 4-H club week.

September: The adult demonstration was Sewing Machine Attachments or Costume Accessories. Some few had their community picnic joining with P.T.A. to entertain the school faculty.

4-H: Making contact with principals and sponsors - also dairycalf shows were attended during this month.

October: The adult demonstration was Lights in Relation to Saving the Eyes.

The 4-H club demonstration was Home Beautification for a joint meeting of boys and girls.

November: The Food and Nutrition Project Leaders gave the demonstration An Egg a Day a Different Way. The county achievement program was held on November 15.

4-H: The local achievement program was held in each club and the county achievement program was held on November 22. Pictures were shown in each club on lighting the home for better results.

Project Leaders Training Meetings Held

The Home Management Project Leaders were trained by the home agent in February to give the demonstration on floor finishes for the March club meeting. The agent prepared samples of floor finishes for each project leader. The results have been:

Mrs. J.D. Gwynn and her family sanded floors and finished them in a commercial penetrating finish. The floors had several coats of varnish. After this was removed, a finer paper was used on the floors. Finally a lovely smooth finish was obtained.

Since the floors were pine, no filler was used and two coats of the penetrating finish were used. Mrs. Gwynn said that each time they are cleaned and rewaxed her floors are more beautiful.

Mrs. Irvin Dailey sanded her floors and used the penetrating finish. She reports a very pretty job. Mrs. Dailey had someone to sand the floors as her husband didn't have time to do the job.

Mrs. Dailey and Mrs. Gwynn have broadcast their results so that one local merchant has had to reorder his supply of penetrating finishes three times.

Others who have refinished the floors are: Mrs. Benn Fitzgerald of Pelham, Mrs. Irving Warren of Prospect Hill, Mrs. F.L. Stuck and Mrs. R.M. Aldridge of Yanceyville.

The project leader's school on Family Life was held in Graham for Caswell, Orange and Alamance Counties. Ten project leaders attended. The demonstration was given in the local clubs during June, by the leaders. The reports were that the women gained many helpful suggestions. The third project leader's school was given in October for the food and nutrition project leaders. The demonstration was "An Egg a Day a Different Way." The leaders gave the demonstration during November. The

report from the clubs was that one can really tell a difference in cooking eggs slow and fast. Mrs. W.J. Powell said "I have always cooked mine as fast as possible."

Agent's Training Meetings

Training meetings for agents were given by specialists for January, February, March, April, May, June, July, September, and October meetings. This is a great help to agents as the work in some counties is so heavy that it is impossible to get all the material that is needed ready for some of the demonstrations. Any suggestion from specialists who are trained in one special field is greatly appreciated by the agent, as well as people out in the county.

Neighborhood Leader System

Some people are born leaders and are always helping the neighbors. Others are appointed and serve only in name and never pass much on to the neighbors. That is the way with our neighborhood organization. Thirty-one of the neighborhood women leaders are home demonstration club women and fifty are non-club women.

Three hundred and eighty-two non club families have been reached through club women. At least one-fifth of these are tenant farm families. This is small increase over last year's report. The reason that people just don't report makes our number small.

Publicity

News articles on food conservation, food preparation, gardening and family life; programs and demonstrations in local clubs; camp and county wide programs - other club activities.

COUNTY PROGRAM OF WORK

State-Wide Health Program

Caswell County Extension cooperated with the Health Department in carrying the State Program on

1. Foods in relation to Health
2. Sanitation in relation to Health
3. Housing in relation to Health

1. Food in relation to health: A dietary survey was made in November 1946 in five different schools, using children between the ages of 9 and 11 years. A campaign for better breakfasts was staged in the schools with a check on what is eaten at breakfast time. This was made in 4-H club meetings with both boys and girls.

2. Sanitation in relation to health: During May the agent held a demonstration "A Safe Family Water Supply- and Building a Convenient Bath Room." The Health Department has employed a company to build the foundations for outdoor toilets at cost. Several families who cannot afford to install a water system have built these toilets, using the foundation.

3. Housing: The home agent has prepared a file on Farm Homestead Planning and Construction. Several persons have used the material and others are making plans for construction. The adult demonstration on Save Your Eyes was given, as well as suggestions on getting the most from the current purchased.

Communicable Diseases

Miss Ruth Thompson, Health Co-ordinator for Caswell-Rockingham Counties Health Department, held a training meeting

for Community Health Project Leader Chairmen. The purpose of the meeting was to inform persons who are leaders in the community and to be prepared to give information on the service the Health Department offers to the rural people.

The results of D.D.T. spraying by commercial agencies or by using the tobacco sprayer already on the farm has been most gratifying.

Project Activities and Results

<u>Food-Nutrition</u>	Number women enrolled	308
	Number Completing	308
	Number of project leaders	15
	Number leader's schools held by agent	1
	Meetings held by project leaders	15

The playlet on Vitamin C foods was given by club members to the agriculture worker's council. Club families and non-club families report they grew carrots for the first time and had wonderful results. The reason for growing them was an outgrowth of carrot parties held in the school with 1-2-3 grades and the cooking of carrots with meat at the Febry. month-by-month demonstration.

The demonstration "An Egg a Day a Different Way" was given to club members by the project leaders who were trained

by the agent. Since the most popular way of cooking an egg for breakfast in this county is frying and boiling, the agent demonstrated to the leaders the best cooking method to get a good product by frying and boiling.

The dietary survey was taken during November in five rural schools using 85 pupils. These schools were selected because they represented a cross section of the county (physical and financial). The study showed that milk ranked first in deficiency; Vitamin C food, second - and green and yellow vegetables, third. This survey was held with services from the Health Dept., teachers and Extension agent.

Planned Food Supply

Each club woman was asked to grow a new vegetable and serve it three times to her family. The results were about 50% of the women grew a new vegetable and served it to the family.

Fruit Supply: The community project on growing small vegetables held in Anderson community has been the spark that created the growing of berries for family use in two other communities.

Mrs. J.H. Buck has set a new strawberry patch using Masseys and Blackmore since her old patch was only Blakemore. The old patch was cultivated and will be in bearing condition again this year.

Mrs. George Wilkins has frozen 50 pints of strawberries in her freezer locker and has given strawberries to the neighbors for canning and preserving. She had the Blakemore variety, second year bearing.

The fig crop in the county was unusually good this year. Figs were in great demand for preserves, since sugar was again plentiful. The peach crop was about normal but even with spraying and other precautions the matured peaches were poor.

Home Dairying

The number of milk cows is about constant, but the increase of milk poundage was low due to the extreme dry weather causing pastures to be low and the hay crop below normal.

Meat, Poultry and Poultry Products

The use of pressure canners and freezer lockers has increased

the amount of red meat saved. Families who have freezer locker service have killed and frozen from one-fourth to one whole beef for the families use.

Food Preparation

Preparation of meat was demonstrated during the month of February. The attendance was very good. The agent gave the demonstration to 15 clubs. Liver was cooked with carrots, potatoes and onions. The food was attractively arranged on a plater. The method of serving is just as important as any other service. Attractive food is important to the boys and girls, especially to encourage new foods.

Mrs. Clyde Chandler reports: "My family has never relished liver as I cooked it too fast and it became hard. After seeing the February demonstration I have convinced my family that liver is really good and we all enjoy it now."

A demonstration "Simple Seasoning Entertainment" was given as a special interest program. Fifty-three people enjoyed the demonstration given by Miss Virginia Wilson, Nutrition Specialist. Foods and decorations for every season were shown. Women have shown results of this demonstration

at parties and socials.

The project leaders gave the demonstration in November on "An Egg a Day a Different Way." The method of cooking eggs was illustrated by cooking an egg slow and one fast. The women then tasted the eggs to realize the difference.

Health

The results of the dietary survey was given and shown to the club women in the meetings held in February. The growing of more vitamin C foods was stressed, also preparing the canning budget for the entire family.

The health department held a training meeting for the health project leaders to inform them of the services offered by the health department when and where it can be obtained.

Food Conservation

Number of women enrolled	308
Number completing	308
Number of club project leaders	15

395 non-club women were assisted by home demonstration program. Every club woman has filled the canning budget. Some have canned more. Very little spoilage has been reported

and most of that was due to the poor sealing of the metal two piece lids.

Freezer Lockers: One demonstration was given on preparation of food for freezer lockers by Miss Ruby Sholts, Conservation Specialist. The freezer lockers in Reidsville, Roxboro, and Burlington are rented by families. Eighteen home freezers are in use now in the county.

The George Wilkins share their home freezer with neighbors. There are only two in their family and with an 18 foot freezer, a few feet can be loaned to neighbors. Mrs. Wilkins has experimented with different types of containers. She enjoys the glass containers for berries and peaches.

Every one of the home owners have been given individual assistance by the home agent in food preparation for freezing and storing.

A pressure canner clinic was held with 71 canners being checked. The canners belonged to white and colored families - home demonstration, FHA and others. This was a joint project with F.H.A. and Extension workers. A local man was trained and is carrying on the work by checking and repairing the canners. To date he has checked 110 canners.

Handicraft

Chair bottoming and broom making were of the greatest interest among handicrafts. Mrs. Arch Norman has made and sold broom corn brooms. She exhibited them at the Danville Fair, receiving first prize. Mrs. Chambers of Milton has remodeled several chairs, but sold none.

Family Relations

SV The project leaders are selected by the members own choice. Most of the project leaders attended the leader's school in Graham, and if the leader could not attend she asked the leader of a near by club to give her demonstration for her. This proved to be very interesting, knowing more people and getting different ideas. The family life project leader has given a report at each club meeting— Articles from Mrs. Swain's report, actual experiences, or information from the kindergarden news week.

The recreation program during the summer was under the direction of the recreational leader or a special committee appointed by the president.

S' The county library has purchased five of the books from

the family book list prepared by Mrs. Swain. These were placed on the bookmobile. *e*

Clothing

308 women enrolled and 308 women have sewed for their families. 25 women sew to increase the family income. The women do not make a definite clothing budget but very close planning is made in selection of the clothing for the family. 250 women make most of their clothing and those for the family. Thousands of garments are remodeled and repaired. Everyone attempted to get those skirts as long as possible or at least 14 inches from the floor. The women have not thrown away good clothing just for style.

Mrs. J.W. Simmons reports that every time her neighbors have trouble with their machine, she has a job. 35 machines have been cleaned this year as a result of the demonstration on care and repair of a sewing machine.

265 women found they had attachments that had never been used. Some were too rusty to be used. The demonstration on sewing machine attachments was one of the most interesting demonstrations for the year.

95 women have improved their sewing equipment and arranged

a sewing center. 25 club members sew to increase their incomes. Most of this is custom sewing- from underclothing to top coats. 15 women exchanged work by sewing for neighbors.

Mrs. Irvin Warren felt that since ready-made clothing cost so much she would make her daughter's wedding clothing. The outfit was beautiful and cost about one-fifth of the cost of a ready made outfit. Mrs. Warren sews to supplement the family income and always has requests beyond her time for sewing.

Home Management

"The family financial planning" was the demonstration given at the January meeting. This was used as a panel discussion with club members representing banker, merchant, housewife, lumber dealer and the county nurse. Today's problems were discussed and suggestions of how the average farm family might attack them were given.

HOUSING

The home demonstration club meeting in March was a demonstration on floor finishes. This demonstration was given by the project leader who had been trained by the home agent.

10 homes have refinished floors using the penetrating finish.

In May the demonstration was on Sanitation - making the home water supply safe and installing water systems.

The demonstration for October was "Saving the Eyes." This was given by the agent to the 15 clubs. Types of lamps, bulbs and shades to give the best results were discussed and demonstrated. Commercial slides were shown to strengthen these points.

House Construction

Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Chandler cut the heavy timbers from their farm for their new home. A local contractor was employed to build the house. The cost was much greater than the Chandlers had planned for. An 8 room house cost \$12,000 and two rooms have not been completed. Mr. Chandler said this taught him a lesson to investigate before he leaped again.

Mrs. Raleigh Jones remodeled her kitchen, building cabinets and putting in water. Her husband and son did the work. Only the materials had to be purchased.

House Construction- continued

- 25 Constructed dwellings
- 57 Remodeled dwellings
- 6 Installed sewage systems
- 7 Installed water systems
- 2 Installed heating systems
- 80 Improved method of heating
- 40 Provided storage space
- 342 Improved or rearranged kitchen
- 51 Improved other rooms
- 10 Refinished furniture
- 185 Selected other house furnishings besides electric ones
- 59 Improved house keeping method
- 38 Improved laundry arrangement
- 442 Families sprayed with D.D.T. (reported)
- 52 Improved home grounds

Mrs. J.D. Gwynn was anxious to prepare her yard for grass, but the family was not interested because they had worked many years before with no plans and it still didn't look any better. She did slip covers and draperies to secure enough money to get the work done without using the family income. The yard was very rough with shrubs planted at the entrance that were so tall it obstructed the view of the highway. A pecan and a chinaberry tree were planted together and since the pecans were only seedlings, they were removed. The yard was leveled and cut with a harrow to make a good seed bed. The driveway runs down beside the yard and beyond it is the orchard; so a border was left for grass beside the orchard and at the end lawn grass mixture was sowed, leaving only the shrubs at the house. The yard really looks 100% better now. The whole

family is happy the work is done.

Kitchens

Ten kitchens have been scored for the kitchen contest. This work will continue for two years. Suggestions have been given and plans for two have been drawn. Three electrical lines have been completed in the county, furnishing 54 families with current. All electrical stoves, hot water heaters, and refrigerators that are available have been purchased and installed. Many more could be placed.

Mrs. Charles Murphy has installed an electric stove and refrigerator and plans to put in a water system as soon as the material is available. Her husband and one neighbor have done most of the work except wiring the house which has to be done in this county by a licensed electrician to pass the inspection.

The President of the County Council, Mrs. F.J. Malone, had a washing machine but her husband wanted to purchase an automatic one for her so they decided to sell the old one to the tenant on the place. As a result, Mrs. Malone has not been able to find what she wanted and she is still washing the old fashioned way with a board. That is really being thoughtful to the tenant.

Mrs. George Wilkins has purchased a washing machine that does the dishes as well as the clothes. She sold the washer to the tenant on the place.

Fifteen club women have purchased washing machines this year. Only a few were automatic because the water supply was not sufficient.

House Furnishings

The demonstration on Fashions for Windows in July really made history. Mrs. L.B. Williamson has made curtains for her new house that was completed in late September. The curtains with ships on them were hung in the boys' room. The valance was made of plyboard and covered with material using the design of the ships. The job is beautiful and one that any homemaker would be happy to own.

Care and Repair of Furniture

Fifty women have made slip covers for their furniture and five have made slip covers for other families, to increase the family income. One feather comfort demonstration was given in April by Miss Gordon. No results yet have been observed because

the covering can not be purchased.

One never knows what to expect in some homes - old sacks dyed and old curtains tinted. Mrs. Ross of the Stoney Creek Club and Mrs. Wilkins of the Prospect Hill Club are always changing and making over to improve the home. The sun has faded Mrs. Wilkins' curtains so every time they are laundried the color is changed. Mrs. Ross dyed sacks to make slip covers and re-dyed them after each laundry.

Mrs. Edward Wilson has recently rearranged the kitchen and living room in her husband's home. They have come to live with his father since the wife or mother died. The windows in the living room were very high so by using the valance they look in proportion with the furniture that the Wilsons are now using.

Mrs. Wallace Pointer has made new curtains for their home. The rooms curtained are: Two bed rooms, living, dining, and kitchen. For the bed rooms she used white organdy with ruffles; in the living room, scalloped ones and in the kitchen, she has white organdy with red rickrack.

In giving the demonstration, I found the curtains were too narrow and most times too long or not long enough -- that half way mark.

TOURS

During National Home Demonstration Week, Long's Mill Club made a tour of the homes in their community that had remodeled or made changes in the last two years.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Each community has a book shelf. The books are supplied by the Person County truck. Caswell County pays \$25.00 for the use of this truck each month. This same bookmobile serves the schools. Forty-four book review certificates were issued at achievement day. The women read and reported to their clubs on 3 books taken from the required list prepared by Mrs. Marjorie Beale, State Librarian.

Mrs. Will Fitch read to her husband 42 books this year. This was 8 less than she read last year. All of these were obtained from the county library.

The home agent served on the library committee last year and will serve as chairman of the book selection committee this year.

Community Center

Recreation

Each club has a recreational leader and this leader prepares a 5 minutes program for each meeting. Picnics were planned for all the clubs. Cherry Grove and Stoney Creek Mountain combined their picnics and a soft ball game was planed between the two clubs. Again Stoney Creek was the winning team. This created lots of fun for all.

Other clubs had square dances, barbecues, stews, and picnics.

The Leesburg P.T.A. and Home Demonstration Club had their first community picnic in 1946 with about 60 persons present. This year the picnic was held and the crowd was ^{more} greater than 200. "It really pays to try, try again", reports Miss Ella Thompson. The home demonstration club members had charge of the recreation. Young and old enjoyed the outing and asked that it be an annual affair ^{plan was made} after school opens to entertain the teachers.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

The pressure canner clinic was a joint program with Extension and F.H.A. The agent gave a demonstration for the newly organized Women's Club of Milton on "Yard Beautification." The agent served as Home Nursing Chairmen of Red Cross, also was member of County Library Committee.

1948 GOALS --- HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB WORK

1. For every club woman in Caswell County to reach 5 non-club women in better methods of home making.
2. Seventy-five women reading to receive Reading Certificates. (5 members per club)
3. That every farm woman have an early spring, summer, and fall garden, growing 20 different kinds of vegetables.
4. Every farm family use some method of destroying flies.
5. That the 15 clubs cooperate with the schools in having good lunches at a reasonable price.
6. Every club member have her lungs fluoroscoped. This is a free service by the Health Department.
7. Every farm family purchase a pressure canner, when finances permit.
8. A Home Demonstration Club in each community.