WOOD COUNTY
HOME DEMONSTRATION
PROGRAM 1940-41

STATE HOMEMAKERS CREED

We, the homemakers of Wisconsin, believe in the sanctity of the HOME, the cradle of character—blessed by motherly devotion and guarded by fatherly protection.

We pledge ourselves:

to work for the preservation and improvement of home and community life;

to strive for healthier minds and bodies, and better living;

To promote the welfare of our boys and girls, the nation's greatest asset;

to be true to God and country and of lasting service to our homes and communities.

- Mrs. John Meise, Sauk County, -
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Nov. 1, 1940-Oct. 31, 1941

Home Economics Extension Work for adults in Wood County consists to a large extent of giving instruction and demonstrations through the medium of the Homemakers clubs. Any rural woman who is interested in keeping informed on subjects related to Home Economics is welcome to become a member of an organized club. Through the medium of open meetings and contact with club members and leaders other rural women are instructed in various phases of Home Economics.

The Homemakers of Wood County have selected goals which they are working toward. These goals are:

1. To own their own home and to have that home as convenient as possible with electric lights and running water and have it as beautiful and comfortable as they are able to make it.

2. Health for the family.

3. Happy Home Life--Courteousness and hospitality in the home.

4. Education for the family.

5. Religion and good morals for the family.

6. Recreation, (music and reading) in the home and community.

7. Independence for old age.

The governing unit of the Wood County Home Demonstration Organization is the County Executive Committee which is composed of the Center President of each Home Demonstration Center. The committee for the 1940-41 was as follows:

President--Mrs. Roy Kruck--Nekoosa
Wisconsin Rapids Center

Vice Pres.-Mrs. Wm. Bymers--Arpin
Arpin Center

Sec.-Treas-Mrs. E. R. Van Wormer--Babcock
Pittsville Center

Historian--Mrs. Ben Schamburek--Marshfield
Marshfield Center

The executive committee meets at various intervals during the year and any questions of county importance are discussed and decided by them. Fair booths and the Achievement Day Program are planned by the executive committee. To assist the executive committee in program planning the County Homemakers Council is invited to participate at a Spring Program planning meeting. The Council consists of the president from each of the local Homemakers clubs. This group meets twice a year—once in spring when the year’s program is planned and again in fall when the secretaries meet with them for the Fall Presidents and Secretaries Meeting. Instruc-
Approximate location of Homemaker Clubs
and Their Centers Showing the Number of Members in Each Club

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MARSHFIELD CENTER  ARPIN CENTER  PITTSVILLE CENTER  WIS. RAPIDS CENTER
2. Mill Creek (9)  2. White Oak (14)  2. West Veedum (12)  2. Plover Road (30)
10. Ebbe (10)  10. West Cary (9)  10. Seneca Corners (15)
(The number after the name of the club indicates
the number of members enrolled in the club.)
tions, material and schedules are given at this meeting. A constitution was adopted last year by all Wood County Clubs and is now being used.

During 1939-40 there were 40 organized Homemakers clubs. Each club is an independent organization having its own officers and its own constitution and by-laws. The program of work for each club is based on the County program which was planned by the Council and approved by the Agricultural Committee of the County Board. Two leaders are elected or appointed for each club to attend the Leader's training meetings held by the County Home Demonstration Agent assisted by Specialists from the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture.

Wood County is divided into four Centers for the convenience of the leaders from each club. For each project lesson scheduled the Home Agent assisted by the Center president arranges for the Meeting place and other incidentals necessary for a successful meeting. The State specialist usually assists the Home Agent at several of the meetings.

The leader training meetings are planned as all day meetings starting at 10 o'clock in the morning and continuing until 3:30 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon. These training meetings must be made interesting. The information presented must meet the needs of the people and it must offer an opportunity to do some good constructive work in the club, home and community.

The leaders are encouraged to participate in the discussion whenever possible. Group reading where all leaders read together or where each reads in turn works very satisfactorily. Leaders are also sometimes asked to assist with parts of a demonstration.

The lunch problem is solved for the majority of the leader training meetings by having a planned lunch. The menu is planned at a preceding meeting and each club volunteers to bring one course for the meal. This plan works very satisfactorily as there is always enough to eat and never very much that has to be carried back home. Occasionally the group decides to try a pot luck lunch. Each leader is asked to bring her own dishes as this eliminates confusion and saves time during the lunch hour.

The president of the center is not expected to be a leader for her club. She presides at the business meeting following the lunch hour and all business relative to meeting place, lunch, program, etc. is taken care of at that time. The president is also responsible for seating arrange-

The program of work for 1940-41 consisted of the following subjects:

1. Food and Health.
2. Wills.
3. Care and repair of the sewing machine.
4. Slips--two meetings.
5. Open meetings on kitchen arrangement and kitchen equipment.