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COUNTY PLAN OF WORK

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EXTENSION SERVICE

A. and M. College of Texas

1953

Plan of Lovie M. Hill
County Home Demonstration Agent

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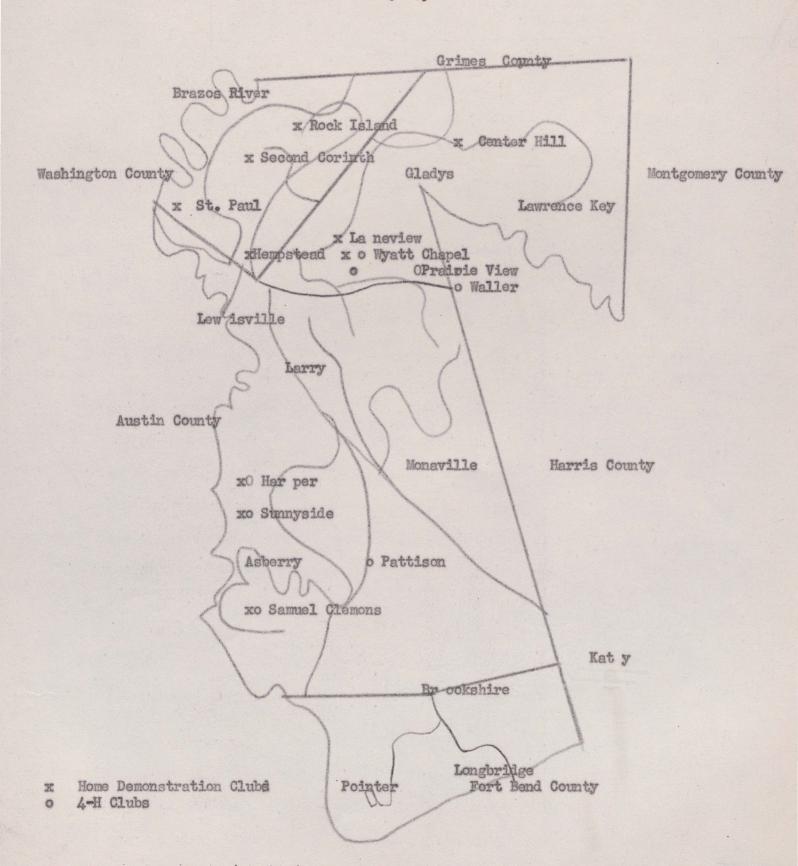
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Women	Baking cakes				Work on annual report
Local Leaders		Co. Council Election of Offic	community acheivement Events		Work on annual report
Other Groups					Work on annual report

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Girls	Making my own accessories		Reorganize 4-H clubs when school opens		
Women	How to make alter ations on ready made garmen	s	Agents* planning meeting September 21-23 Navasota, Texas		
Local Leaders		Co. Council How to write minutes	County Fair		
Other Groups					

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Girls	Making work easy washing underwear	Visit clothing demonstrator (4-H and Adult)		
Women	Comsumer buying	Farmers State Short Course Texas Home Dem. Cpuncil August 23-26		
Local Leaders		Visit farm unit dem.		
Other Groups				

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Girls	Star ting to sew (Making darts and seams)	How to put in a	hem.		
Women	The necessary tools for cultivation				Work on demonsta material answer mail
Local Leaders		Co. Council How to make a motion How to amend a motion How to table a motion How to refer to a committee	on		
Other Groups			Observe National Negro Health Week		

19_53	Metho d Demonstrations	Training Meetings	Month NARCH Assistance to Demonstrators Home Visits, Conferences, Publications	; Gommittee Work	County Weller District Eastern Office Activities
Girls	Fetilizing and setting out tomat	toes How to launder	Observe National 4-H club Week		
Women	Fundementals of Work Simplificat:	on	Small group meeting Huntsvihle, Texas March 10-11		
Local Leaders		Co. Council How to a djourn a meeting			
Other Groups					

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Girls	Preparation of soil for tomato planting				
Women	How to treat garden vegetable seeds		Agents conference Pra irie View February 9-12		read literature answer correspone
Local Leaders		Co. Council How to make recommendations			
Other Groups					

Month JANUARY Waller Assistance to Demonstrators: County Home Visits, Conferences, District Eastern Method Publications Demonstrations Training Meetings Committee Work Office Activities Girls Pattern layout and cutting Women Planning the Upholstering School home garden Making a blouse January 19-23 Pr a irie View Local Co. Council Leaders How to kake and give committee reports Jan. 17, 1953 Other Groups

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE OF WORK

Month DECEMBER

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STATISTICAL INFORMATION

1-	Total population of county 10, 280 . Tax valuation 25,808,210. Tax rate 4,93
	Total number farms and ranches in county //98 . Total number farm and ranch families
	Owners 588 . Tenants 400 . Sharecroppers and laborers (See latest census)
3.	Number towns and cities over 2,500 Under 2,500
	Number communities /6 Number communities where work will be done /4
5.	Number 4-H Girls! Clubs 1 Enrollment 220
	Demonstrators: Clothing 10; Barden Production 10
	(Kind) (No.) (Kind)
	a. No. communities represented in 4-H organization 12. No. local leaders 1
	b. No. communities not having girls in 4-H organizations 2. No. local leaders
6.	No. home demonstration clubs 14 Enrollment 265
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	b. No. communities represented in home demonstration clubs 14. No. local leaders 14
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	2	Mr. J. E. Haney	Waller,	Texas
	3	Mr. Delphine Stefk	a S unnysic	le, T xas
	4	Mr. Pattison	Pattison	n, Texas
II.	Members of Congres	s and Legislature w	ho represent your o	county.
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TW-6 19_53	Method Demonstrations	Training Meetings	MONTHLY SCHEDULE OF WORK Month NOVEMBER Assistance to Demonstrators: Home Visits, Conferences, Publications	Committee Work	County Waller District Eastern
Girls	Making candy				
					Work on annual report
Women	Baking cakes				Work on annual report
Local		Co. Council Election of Office	Community acheivement Events		Work on annual report
Other Groups					Work on annual report

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Girls	Making my own accessories		Reorganize 4-H clubs when school opens		
Women	How to make alter ations on ready made garmen	វែន	Agents' planning meeting September 21-23 Navasota, Texas		
Local Leaders		Co. Council How to write minutes	County Fair		
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FW-6 1953	Method Demonstrations	Training Meetings	Month MAY Assistance to Demonstrators Home Visits, Conferences, Publications	; Committee Work	County Waller District Eastern Office Activities
Girls	Sew up a garment	Sewing: colla rs facings seams	State 4-H camp Prairie View May 25-28		
Women	Care of sewing equipment		Observe Home Dem. Week and National 4-H Sunday		
Local Leaders		Co. Council Officers training meeting			
Other Groups					Wr ite and send out circulaf letter on "Summer work to be done on garden production."

MONTHLY SCHEDULE OF WORK Month APRIL Assistance to Demonstrators:

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	Metho d Demonstrations	Training Meetings	Assistance to Demonstrators Home Visits, Conferences, Publications	; Gommittee Work	County Waller District Eastern Office Activities
Girls	Starting to sew (Making darts and seams)	How to put in a	hem.		
Women	The necessary tools for cultivation				Work on demonst i material answer mail
Local Leaders		Co. Council How to make a motion How to amend a motion How to table a motion How to refer to a committee	on		
Other Groups			Observe National Negro Health Week		

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Girls	Preparation of soil for tomato planting				
Women	How to treat garden vegetable seeds		Agents' conference Pra irie View February 9-12		read literature answer correspone
Local Leaders		Co. Council How to make recommendations			
Other Groups					

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PW-5 Long-Time Plans 19 52	Demonstration for	Girls for Women X	District _	Eastern
County-Wide Objectives	Method Dem. by Agent	Training Meeting for Leaders (by agents or Others)	Method Dem. by Leaders	Achievement Events
19 52 1. Learn the fundamentals of sewing. 2. Learn how to buy fabric and clothing 3.Provide clothes storage	1. Making a blouse 2. Being informed about a fabrics on the market	l. Making bound buttonholes new 2. Identifying fabrics	1. Making bound buttonholes 2. Identifying fabrics	
19 53 1. Plan advance dressmaking 2. Provide children clothing	1. Work clothes for all the family 2. Alterations of ready to wear 3. Children's clothes	1. Select fabrics 2. Fitting the pattern 3. Finishes and seams	1. Select fabrics 2. Fitting the pattern 3. Finishes and seams	Dress Show
19 <u>54</u> 1. Know how to care for clothing 2. Improve cleaning practices	1. Good laundering method 2. Spot cleaning and stain removal 3. Steam pressing techniques	ds 1. Darning and patching 2. Closet arrangement	1. Darning and patching 2. Closet arrangement	Exhibit of Clean material for clothin

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2. Learn to care for sewing equipment	1. Cutting out garment	1. How to sew on buttons 2. How to put in hem 3. Know your colors	1. How to sew on book 2. How to put in h 3. Know your colors	em
19 53 1. Practice caring for own clothing 2. Practice caring for se equipment 3. Practice good personal hygeine	2. Pattern layout & cutting	1. How to launder 2. How to darn and patch 3. Sewing: collars ag facings seams zippers belts	1. How to launder 2. How to darn and patch 3. Sewing: collars facings seams zippers belts	
for clothing	1. Arrange dresser drawe: 2. How to make over a garment	rs 1. Cover a coat hanger 2. Make a shoe bag 3. Care of shoes	1. Cover a coat hanger 2. make a shoe bag 3. Care of shoes	Exhibit of made over garments

HOME FOOD PROGRAM

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County-Wide Objectives	Method Dem. by Agent	Training Meeting for Leaders (by agents or Others)	Method Dem. by Leaders	Achievement Events
19 52 1. To produce vegetables for the family 2. To help familyes sell or share surplus vegetabl 3. Serving attractive and nutritions vegetables	for cultivation	1. Knowing labels and brands of canned vegetables and fruits. ve salads 2. Arrangement of vegetables for sale	and brands of canned vegetables 2. Arrangement of	Exhibit of home grown vegetables
19 53 1. To produce vegetables for the family 2. To prepare and serve fresh vegetables.	f 1. Choosing good tomato plants 2. Insect control	1. Prepare and serve vegetables dishes 2. Scoring canned goods	Prepare and serve vegetable dishes 2. Scoring canned goods	Exhibit of home grown vegetables Garden Tour in the Spring.
19 54 l. To produce qui vegetables for family use. 2. To conserve vegetables grown 3. To buy foods wisely	1. Preparation of vegetables for the home	1. Prepare complete menu using home grown vegetables 2. Table service	 Prepare and serve vegetables in a complete menu Table Service 	Garden Tour in the Fall

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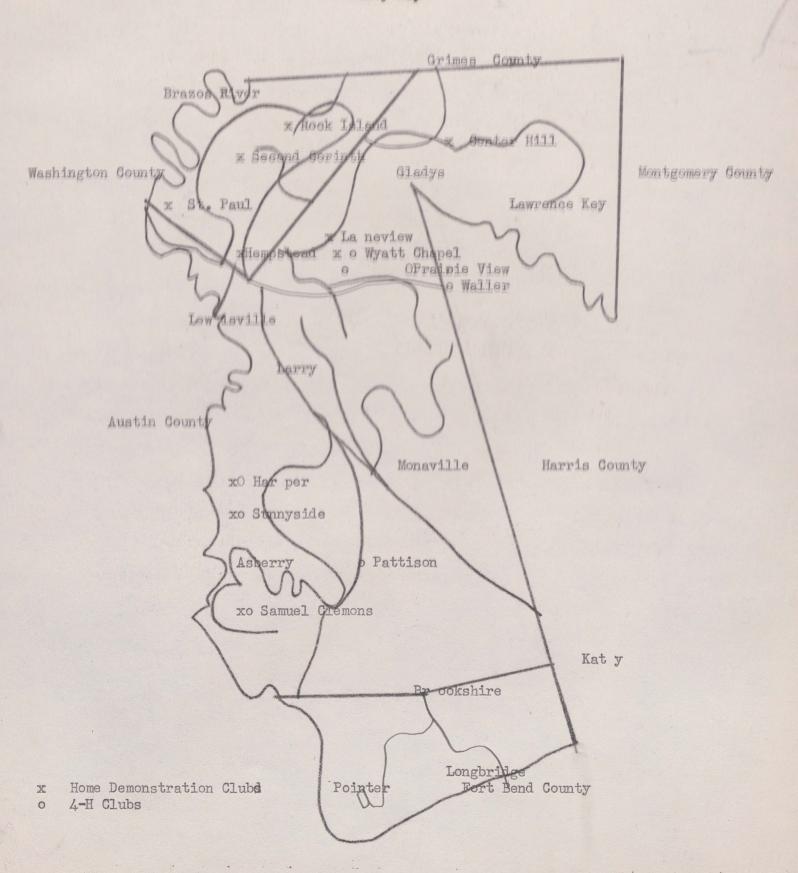
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19 53 1. Plan to grow tomatoes. 2. Help tomatoes grow 3. Cam tomatoes and tomato juice	Preparation of soil How to fertilize tomatoes Attractive ways to serve tomatoes	1. Prepare tomato dishes 2. Can tomatoes	1. Prepare tomato dishes 2. Can tomatoes	Garden tour May 4, 1953
19_54 1. Plan to grow ple tomatoes 2. How to fertilize tomatoes 3. Sell surplus tomatoes wisely	nty 1. Preparation of soil 2. How to treat seeds 3. Can tomato juice	1. Scoring canned tomatoe 2. Selecting tomatoes for market	s 1. Scoring canned tomatoes 2. Selecting tomato foe market	es Tomato Show
19 55 1. Plan to grow cucumbers and cantaloupes 2. Help them grow 3. Sell produce wisely	1. Preparation of soll 2. How to cultivate cucumbers 3. Control of insects	l. Grading cucumbers for market 2. Making pickles	l. Grading cucumber for ma rkets 2. Making pickl ė s	S Cucumber exhibits
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1.Be able to use the common rules of parliamentary procedure. 2. Let officers know ho to express their duties	common rules of parliamentary pro-cedures. 2. Be able to under	the 1. Know the purpose of the Co. H. D. Counci 2. Know the basic principles of organizat - 3. Understand the Distand State H. D. Council	ion &	FW-5 Long-Time Plans 5
1. Know the duties of officers	1. What is meant by Aspecial committee: B. A sta nding committee 2. How to use common incidental motions A. to adjourn B. to reconsider c. to recind	A. to amend a motion B. to refer to a con	Meth mitt	Demonstration for
1. How to hold an election of officers 2. Eight steps in makin out a mption 3. Officer training m meeting		1. How to make a motion ts 2. How to get the floor	Training Meeting for Leaders (by agents or Others)	Girls for Women _
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