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Home Demonstration Work

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III. COUNTY SITUATION

Chesterfield County, being situated between the fall of the James River and Appomattox Rivers has always occupied a position which has placed it in the course of development of the old dominion.

Today's government in Chesterfield County is essentially that of the 1789 Constitutional form with several modifications and one important change—the creation of the Office of Executive Secretary. Both from the standpoint of size of population, Chesterfield is one of the larger Virginia counties.

It has an area of 484 sq. miles, and a population of approximately 45,000.

Home Demonstration work in the county took on new life at the beginning of 1951 when new projects were introduced.

Prices soared on all articles, due to the Korean situation, and all persons were anxious to do as much to help combat inflation.

More women joined in the club work, some as full time members and others as part-time interested persons wishing to gain points in the Improvement of Home Life at minimum cost, through such projects as -

- 1. Advanced Sewing or making the Better Dress
- 2. Food as a Means of Maintaining good health
- 3. Arts and crafts for everyday living
- 4. Bedroom Improvement
- 5. Kitchen Improvement (The long time Goal)

The general appearance of all communities was way below what it should have been so clubs fostered the idea of continuing community project plans. Projects taken were as follows:

- 1. Beautification of Community Center .. Pleasant View
- 2. Improvement of Cemetery Piney Branch
- 3. Refinishing pulp^e outfit Kingland
- 4. Church Yard Improvement Walthall
- 5. Flowers to Vets. Hospital Drewy Bluff

IV. CONTRIBUTIONS OF 1951 PROGRAM TO BETTER FAMILY LIVING

1. Community Center -

During 1950 work was started on the improvement of the Community Center at Pleasant View. Electric lights were installed and shades were purchased for the building. This year the inside has been painted, the roof painted and screens made for and placed in the windows. Some work has been done on improving the grounds.

1. Cemetery -

Several Saturday mornings, members of the Adult Club of Piney Branch came together and cleaned the graveyard of small trees, briars, and fallen twigs. No project was attempted on this community in 1950.

3. Flower Project -

The Drewy Bluff M.D. Club members gathered flowers from their yards and other community people contacted the

Red Cross worker, and sent them to the McGuire Veterans's Hospital for Easter. It is a plan to carry this same project through at all large eventful holidays.

4. Pulpit Refinishing Project -

The pulpit set at Centralia's Church in the Kingsland Community have not been refinished as yet, although plans have been made to do the same.

In 1950, the Church yard was cleaned, shabby trimmed, and replanted.

Church Ground Improvement -

Members from the Welthall Community fell through with their plans to beautify the Church yard. No project was started in 1950.

In the spring after all projects had started, members from the Farm Home Unit Demonstration Committee met and fostered the idea of a County wide clean up campaign to be initiated during National Health Week, and a Paint Up Campaign to be fostered by Chesterfield and Dinwiddie county. Such a contest would last for a period of 3 years, with intermittent checks being made on progress, and at the end of the said period an award would be made to the County coming up with the highest percent of homes painted.

A. Adult Work

1. Painting Contest

In traveling through the Communities of the county, it was observed that quite a few homes were in need of a coat or two of paint to improve the general appearance.

It was felt that more interest would be taken to improve this condition if another county would sponsor such a contest along with Chesterfield, thus, the Para and Foss Agents from both counties met and talked about such possibilities.

It was agreed that steps would be made to carry out such a plan providing it met the District Agents approval.

Objectives - To get more county homes painted.

1. Find out number of homes in the county painted and unpainted.
2. Write out rules governing such a campaign.
3. Set a definite date to begin and end campaign.

Methods Used -

1. Leaders and key persons were used to form committees in helping to work out the number of families or homes in each community.
2. A standard blank for both counties was made, and given to the leaders to list all information called for such as:

Solicitors Name _____ Address _____ Community _____

Please list below all families in community, including yourself and fill in the blanks:

NAME	ADDRESS	HOUSE PAINTED	Answer these questions yes or no		
			HOUSE OWNER	FARMER	WITH SIDING
:	:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:

In this way all duplications would be avoided. These blanks would remain in the County Extension Office.

This contest would run for a period of 3 years, with checks on progress being made annually. At the end of the 3 year period, the contest would terminate, and a trophy would be given to the county with the highest percentage of homes painted. This would be determined by the latest census report.

Results Obtained -

The first checks have not been made, but all blanks come back finally to the Extension Office, and have been filled.

2. - Clean Up Campaign -

In April, 1951 a county wide clean up campaign was carried on by the entire county to remedy such features as removing rubbish around homes, landscaping yards, putting in screens to protect against flies and other insects, and to make water and bathroom facilities sanitary.

Method Used -

1. Committees were selected to carry such information of improvement to all persons in their neighborhood, and make a final report on accomplishments.

Results -

75% of all persons did some of the following -

1. Cleaned yards of rubbish
2. Made repairs around the home, such as repairing steps, outhouses and etc.
3. Screened doors against flies, mosquitoes, and etc.
4. Seeded lawns, and landscaped yards
5. Moved unsightly objects from view
6. Destroyed breeding places for rats, mice, mosquitoes, and roaches
7. Place covered containers outside for garbage and rubbish.
8. Painted homes either on outside or inside

3. - Clothing

In making out plans for work in the N. D. clubs for 1951, the Committee felt that since prices had not leveled off on commodities, and clothing was one of the essentials, some phase of it should be put into the program. It was suggested and decided upon that "The Making of the Better Dress" would be the project.

Methods used -

1. Pattern books were collected from department stores and carried to club meetings, where members selected suitable patterns for their figure, season and purpose.
2. Materials were suggested in each case.
3. Method demonstrations were given on special construction details.
4. Patterns and materials were purchased.
5. Patterns were studied.
6. Construction was started.

Results -

On Friday night, May 4th to climax National N. D. week 65 ladies and the Home Agent modeled in a fashion show dresses that they had made in the N. D. clubs. These dresses were made from Failla's, Rayons, Bengaldines, sheers

and light weight wollen materials. Other articles were placed on exhibit, which included sewing articles for the entire family, and house furnishings such as bed spreads, sheets, pillow cases, towels, and the like. Approximately 225 persons attended the program.

During this week (National N. D. week, which was the 1st week in May), six ladies from the county joined with ten women from Middle county and took part in a radio program, which was broadcasted over station W.S.S.V. in Petersburg. The theme for the program was a Quiz on what points go toward making a good house dress.

The agent attended a tailoring school from May 7th to the 10th, with nine Home Agents from various counties. Miss Iva By Johnson, clothing specialist was in charge of the school. Seven suits and two coats were started in this school. It is hoped that as a result from this meeting, tailoring will be introduced to the clubs in another year.

4. - Better Diets for All

With the cost of foods reaching a high peak, it was felt that some families would sacrifice a good meal in order to save pennies for something they considered more important.

Methods -

For this reason a list of economical foods were given to each lady to use as a guide in planning her menus.

Each lady took this list of foods and made out menu's for a week, these were critized at the following meeting.

Charts were made out with the topic "My Meal plan for one Day".

My Meal Plan for One Day

Milk	Credits	Score
1 cup	8	
2nd cup	8	
3rd cup or more (Count also milk in cooked foods)	8	
Vegetables and Fruit		
One or more helpings	8	
Potatoes or Sweet Potatoes	8	
Tomatoes or Orange or grapefruit	8	
A green or yellow Vegetable	8	
Another vegetable or Fruit	5	
One of the vegetables or fruits raw	5	
Meat, Fish, Poultry, or dried peas or beans		
One or more helpings	10	
Eggs		
One	5	
Whole Grain Bread or enriched or restores		
Bread or cereal		
Two slices	10	
One or more helpings of cereal	5	
Butter or Fortified Margarine		
Two tablespoons	7	
Water or other Fluid		
8 glasses (6 glasses-3 credits)	5	
TOTAL		100

Deduct

- 10 credits if you ate no breakfast
- 10 credits if you drank more than 1 cup of tea or coffee, or more than 1 "cola" drink
- 10 credits if you ate any food except fruit or milk between meals

CONNECTED SCORE

Rating of today's meal:

80-100 = Good

60-80 = Fair

59-Under = Unsatisfactory Good ___ Fair ___ Unsatisfactory ___

Results -

Many appetizing and palatable dishes were made at minimum cost. More people wanted to get higher scores on the rating chart.

I feel that more women became conscious of the fact that their diets had either been balanced or unbalanced.

Some even admitted that they had never thought of a meal in terms of balancing it. They thought in terms of filling the stomach.

5. - Kitchen Improvement

Four years ago it became apparent that more homes needed to do some drastic improvements in the kitchen, so this was put in the program as one of the long time goals.

Method -

In five years all ladies enrolled in the N. D. clubs would do some major improvement in her kitchen.

In planning the program each year after the idea was initiated some phase of the kitchen and its improvement have been discussed such as:

1. Arrangement (Furniture)
2. Location
3. Accessories
4. Modern working utensils

Results -

26 women have arranged modern kitchens with running water.

16 Gas and 10 Electric stoves have been purchased with other modern equipment.

6. - Bedroom Improvement

This topic was placed in the program for the purpose of making the bedroom a more cheerful place to live in. It was noted that too many colors were being mixed together, creating an eye sore, and subtracting from the restfulness that should be gained on viewing the room where rest is enjoyed.

Method -

Illustrative material was collected, and color schemes for the bedroom with special interest placed on the larger areas such as the walls-floor, bed, and windows. This was shown at Community Club meetings.

Discussions were held, questions were asked pertaining to colors, designs, and arrangement.

Results -

More bedrooms were made attractive with less colors in the schemes.

The thought of elaborately colored bedspreads was discarded, and women became interested in making the simple white tufted spreads for their beds.

7. - Arts and Crafts

What to do with leisure time to make it prove profitable was a problem confronting the house wife.

For this reason Arts and Crafts was put into the program so experience could be gained in doing such things as:

1. Crocheting
2. Etching Trays
3. Making the tufted bedspread
4. Braiding rugs

Methods Used -

Demonstrations were given on each of the above topics, with informative sheets of instructions being passed out too.

Results -

Many articles of crocheting were made, but not as many persons were able to grasp the method as was anticipated.

Sixty nine trays were etched at a small day clinic, which was held at Garver High School.

Three tufted bedspreads were exhibited at the County Fair.

No rugs have been completed as yet.

B. Other Activities -

Members from the Pleasant View community chose as a community project, the improvement of their Community Center.

The building was granted them by the county school board, since it was an abandoned school, made so from the consolidation of the Winterpock Elementary School. In 1950, electric lights were installed and shades were purchased. This was made possible through the cooperation of the Community, N.D. and A-W Clubs.

Recently the N.D. club purchased paint and painted the interior. The other clubs made screen frames, purchased wire and

fixed the windows and bought a new stove. A new coat of paint have also been applied to the roof, the grounds have been cleaned, and plans are being made to paint the exterior.

This project was selected because I felt that it merited some thought in the way of making the center something that the community folk would be proud to claim.

Regular club meetings would find ideas for improvement being carried out. All persons participated, and results have been as follows:

1. Building wired on inside and one outside light
2. Window shades purchased
3. Screens made and put up
4. Building painted on interior
5. New stove purchased
6. Window panes put in
7. Grounds cleared of weeds

2. County Fair -

The big event of the year, the County Fair was held Sept. 28th and 29th. More people cooperated and exhibits were better.

Eighteen organized clubs made educational exhibits:

4 4-H Clubs

1. Piney Branch
2. Walthall
3. Pleasant View
4. Good Hope

7 W.D. Clubs

1. Drew Bluff
2. Walthall
3. Kingsland
4. Midlothian
5. Granite
6. Pleasant View
7. Piney Branch

7 Community Clubs

1. Drey's Bluff
2. Kingsland
3. Walthall
4. Pleasant View
5. Union Grove
6. Union Branch
7. Piney Branch

Of these 12, seven were in the Blue Ribbon Class, nine in the Red Ribbon Class, and two in the White Ribbon class.

455 jars of fruit, meat and vegetables, 28 glasses of jelly and 10 jars of pickle were exhibited by individuals.

H. D. Clubs -

Exhibits were based on topics from the years work such as:

1. Comfortable bedroom, showing a follow up of color schemes
2. Cutting the food dollar by growing food at home and preserving it
3. Renovating clothes and hats at a minimum cost (Tots and Teens Department store in Petersburg loaned metal racks for displaying garments.)
4. Equipped sewing room to save time in sewing (Singer Sewing Center in Petersburg loaned the dress form.
5. Flower arrangement for all occasions

4-H Clubs

Topics used for exhibits were:

1. Model Home
2. Model Farm
3. Conveniently equipped U shaped kitchen
4. Hat constitutes a well dressed 4-H clubber (Mannequins were borrowed from department stores in Petersburg.)

Twenty girls exhibited five articles each for the project

"Looking your Best" which were:

1. Dressing table stool made from a nail keg
2. 1 Make-up cape
3. 1-Shoe-Shine kit
4. 1 Dry Cleaned garment
5. 1 work book showing all topics that were discussed

The county at large made exhibits of livestock, poultry, handicrafts, baking and garden products.

Virginia State College, Carver High School and the county Elementary schools each displayed very fine exhibits. Farm and Home Agents from various counties were judges for the occasion.

3. Community Tours -

Tours are held annually during the summer months to visit projects, and see improvements that have been made through the cooperation of Extension teaching.

4. Vacation Bible School:

The Home Agent taught handicraft and games to the children at Bethesda Baptist Church during their 1 week Vacation Bible School.

5. State Farmers Conference -

The Agent attended the conference at Virginia State College on April 12th. Fifty persons attended from Chesterfield county.

6. Out of county activities -

Prince George County	Conducted Slip cover clinic
Henrico County	Judged Fair products
Amelia County	" " "
Sussex County	Judged Achievement articles
Southampton County	State Adv. Board Meeting
" "	H. D. Committee Meeting

IV. 4-H CLUB WORK

A. Project Work -

1. "Looking your Best" - (4-H Clothing project)

This project was selected because of the importance of making all growing girls conscious of self. It was put into the program through the desires of the county planning committees. Different topics were discussed each month with some demonstrations attached. Five topics were carried. They were:

1. Your smile - Care of the teeth
2. Care of the hair
3. Care of the skin
4. Care of the feet and shoes
5. Dry cleaning a garment

Method -

a. Care of the Teeth -

1. Demonstrations were given on the correct way to brush the teeth.
2. Discussions were held on - How to care for the teeth and the proper kind of food to eat to build teeth. How often one should visit the dentist.

b. Care of the Hair -

1. Discussions were held on
 - a. How often one should wash the hair, kind of shampoo's
2. Different hair styles, as related to the shape of faces.

Demonstrations were given on -

3. Equipment for styling the hair such as -

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| 1. Kid Curlers | 2. Plastic curlers |
| 3. Rubber Roll Curlers | 4. Rubber Spool Curlers |
| 5. Tin curlers | 6. Spin Curlers |
| 7. Hat (Marcel) curlers | 8. Straightening comb |
| 9. The sock or tie as a means for producing curls | |
| 10. Pencil and lobby pin | |

Make up cape was made to go with this topic.

C. Care of the skin -

With this topic it was hoped that more care would be taken toward keeping the skin immaculate, and fresh looking. Proper diets were stressed to keep the body looking and feeling well.

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The need for rest was also stressed.

Girls were given samples of toilet articles to use in caring for the skin.

A choice was given to each girl to either make a dressing table from two orange crates or a Dressing table stool from a nail keg. Demonstrations were given on each of these.

d. Care of the feet and shoes -

Such a topic was found to be very informative, yet one that most people think less about.

Discussions were held on how to care for the feet, specially to eliminate having -

1. Corns
2. Bunions
3. Ingrown Nails

Discussions were held on how to care for shoes in the way of -

1. Repairs
2. Polishing

A shoe shine kit was made to go with this topic.

Other Work -

1. A record scrap book was made by each club member to contain material covering each topic. These were very uniquely made with a snap shot of each club member on the inside cover page.

2. General inspection was held at each meeting and points were given on the following -

Nails (Clean and free from loud colored polish)
Shoes (Well polished, heels fairly straight)
Clothes (Clean, free from holes and safety pins, slips
not showing)
Buttons (All buttons on)
Hair (Neatly arranged)
Teeth (Clean)

Results -

More pride was taken in personal appearance, as each girl tried to make high points at each meeting. Prizes were awarded each girl with the highest score at the end of the year.

It is hoped that this pride in each looking her best at all times will be a carry over from year to year.

One hundred twenty-four girls were enrolled in this project. There were 87 completions.

2. Food Preservation -

One thing that is stressed in the county along with the other phases of economical living is the need to plant a family garden each year.

Fresh vegetables do so much to help keep the cost of living lower, especially when we eat some of them as they appear in season, and store and can others for the months when they are not available.

Method -

Canning demonstrations were given to club girls by their leaders, and the Home Agent. Both the hot water bath method

and the pressure cooker method was used.

2. Pamphlets with canning instructions were used.

Results -

Ninety three girls helped to can a total of 1,600 quarts

of tomatoes.

1,320 quarts of other vegetables

280 quarts of fruit

They canned alone 750 quarts of fruit, meat and vegetables.

Forty-one pounds of food was frozen. All of the 124 girls

enrolled carried this project. 93 completed all requirements.

1. Other activities -

All clubs were reorganized in November with officers being installed in the December meeting, by some interested person

at large. At this meeting, gifts were exchanged, Christmas carols were sung, refreshments were served and a gala time was had by all.

Rural Life Sunday -

Six A-M Clubs observed Rural Life Sunday either on the 5th Sunday in May, or the 1st Sunday in June. They were -

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| 1. Gehra | 2. Walthall |
| 3. Union Grove | 4. Midlothian |
| 5. Piny Branch | 6. Good Pops |

Club members took part in various activities of the day, such as ushering, putting flowers in the Church, sitting in a group and repeating the club pledge, with a song. In each case

the pastor was given a sermon title to work up a sermon in behalf of the day.

Club Newspaper -

Club reporters collected news and sent it in to the Agents, from which a 4-H Club newspaper was published twice during the year.

State Short Course -

Seven girls attended the State Short Course at Virginia State College from June 4th to the 7th. They were -

Ellen Scott	Piney Branch
Ann Purford	Midlothian
Mozelle West	Zion Hill
Joice Crawley	Pleasant View
Lula Yates	Good Hope
Mattie Brown	Union Branch
Carolyn Thompson	Walthall

County Picnic -

The annual county picnic was held at Spring Lake Park in Prince George county on July 10th. Ten of the 13 clubs were present and took part in the program.

All clubs responded with some kind of activity. Mrs. Marguerite Christian, Elementary school supervisor, spoke for the occasion.

Picnic lunches were enjoyed in the grove, after which individuals engaged in various games, swimming, fishing and dancing.

Wild Life Conference -

Three girls attended the 4-H Wild Life Conference at Va.

State College, August 8th to the 10th. They were -

Lula Yates	Good Hope
Joyce Brooks	Walthall
Pearl Jones	Union Grove

Achievement Day -

The annual Achievement Day program was held on Saturday, October 27th, at Carver High School with approximately 73 persons in attendance. Dr. Harry Roberts spoke to the group on moral and spiritual achievement. Prizes won at the county Fair and club swards were made at this time. Refreshments were served to the entire group, after which games were played by club members such as -

Apple eating contest	Weenie eating contest
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(Both of which were suspended from a string tied to a pole)

Basket Ball - All persons in attendance had an enjoyable time.

VII Young Men and Young Women's Work -

No work was done with this particular group in 1951.

VII SCOPE OF WORK

	1948	1949	1950	1951
No. Y.W. Clubs or Groups	6	9	11	17
Membership	71	112	123	222
No. 4-W Clubs	16	14	14	13
Membership	165	153	134	124
No. Y.W. Groups	0	0	1	6
Membership	0	0	21	0
No. of other families reached	35	47	45	72
Total No. families reached	145	207	316	122

IX HOW ORGANIZATIONS FUNCTIONED IN THE 1951 PROGRAM

1. County Advisory Board -

The Board held its annual meeting on Feb. 13th at Chesterfield Court house. Plans for the years work in all clubs were agreed upon. Prior to this meeting, committees had been selected to work out different phases of the program, all of which were presented to the entire body at the Board Meeting.

Delegates were elected to attend the State Advisory Board meeting which was held in South Hampton county on Sept. 11th and 12th.

2. County Home Demonstration Committee -

This group met at the 1st Baptist Church, Hall and Barrett Street, Franklin, Va. on Friday, May 4th. Three delegates and the Home Agent attended from Chesterfield county.

Project reports were made on each subject, which was -

1. Home Improvement
2. Home water supply
3. Better meal planning
4. Reaching more people

The objectives for this group are as follows -

1. To give women an opportunity to see the H.D. program, as a broad and important phase of family living
2. To help women see their problems in relation to the problems of other women of the state
3. To give women a chance to exchange ideas, and discuss them among themselves
4. To strengthen the over all extension program through the H. D. committee

3. County 4-H Club Council -

The 4-H Council met on February 21st, at Chesterfield

Courthouse. Six 4-H clubs were represented with officers and leaders.

Plans were made for events of the year, new officers were elected and various reports were made. Prior to the Business session, a movie was shown on "Life in Norway".

X LEADERSHIP

Thirty-two leaders act in the capacity of supervising projects, giving demonstrations at club meetings, keeping general order, and guiding the officers in parliamentary procedures.

Leaders help to make plans for county fair exhibits, county picnics, achievement day program, Rural Life Sunday, and any other special events. They help to guide the members in their choice of selection, for delegates to represent at state affairs.

A. The same persons fill the capacities for organizational, program development, and subject matter leaders. There is in most cases two or three leaders per club.

B. GROWTH OF LEADERSHIP BY PROJECT LEADERS OVER THE FOUR-YEAR PERIOD IN ADULT AND JUNIOR WORK

<u>Growth of U. S. Club Project Leadership</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
No. project leaders and goal chairmen	38	35	25	0
No. training meetings held by Specialist	0	1	0	0
by Agent	8	11	2	22
Attendance at all training meetings	65	61	21	203
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	8	20	23	18
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	26	32	48	5

Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership 1948: 1949: 1950: 1951

No. adult project leaders	38	36	43	36
No. junior project leaders	0	1	2	2
No. training meetings held by specialist by agent	16	3	6	43
Attendance at leader training meetings	34	25	43	100
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	24	10	0	16
No. club meetings held by leader with- out agent present	5	12	10	6
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	56	52	68	57
No. demonstrations given by leaders by adult	8	23	27	6
by junior	"	"	"	"

C. OUTSTANDING 4-H CLUB LEADER -

Mrs. Gladys C. Bentley, a leader of the Midlotian 4-H Club has done outstanding work during the 5 years she has been associated with the club as a leader.

Under her leadership she is able to get $\frac{7}{8}$ of her club members to carry and complete their projects. Meetings are held regularly, both with, and in the absence of the Agents. Her club is represented at all county and state affairs, and high awards are won each year by her club members at the county fair.

XI WORK IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES -

The Agent attends the county P. T. A. meetings whenever possible to do so, and takes an active part in their program.

The agent cooperates with the Red-Cross organization and Cancer Societies of the county.

Civic meetings are held every 4th Sunday of each month in various communities. These are visited whenever possible.

XIII APPRAISAL OF THE YEAR 1951 -

Before the program for the year was made, several persons from each club were selected to study the community situation and help plan a program to meet the needs. These needs came in numbers, so with some elimination, the adult and A-N program was set up. Of course it was a full planned program.

Most of the plans were carried out, and work done showed much encouragement, but I feel that too much was put into the plans, and not enough time was spent on some topics. These we have placed in the program for another year.

More women were able to solve their sewing problems. More garments were made during 1951 than any other year that I have been in the extension work.

Economy was practised more in the homes from all phases of good family living.

The housewife was given the latest information on how to do things, she was encouraged to go ahead, substituting whenever necessary to foster better living conditions, and create better family relations.

She was taught how to plan well balanced meals to keep the body physically healthy, in order that all persons would be up

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to per, thus making good citizens.

It is a known fact that when people are well fed, they are healthy and happy, and happy people make the world a better place to live in. Wars usually are traced to poorly fed people.

The youth were taught how to keep themselves "Looking Their Best" at all times. Constructive projects were planned in conjunction with the big topics, so that individuals might have something to do.

More adults took part in the Extension program in 1951, and more interest was shown in the work.

The Paint up contest between Chesterfield and Dinwiddie counties has done wonders in getting people to improve their homes. In some instances only one coat of paint has been added, but even so its a step forward to community and county improvement.

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